

HAVE YOU HOOVERIZED

YOUR RECIPES

Thousands of home makers have become members of the Food Administration. The Government has accepted your signature as a guarantee that you will fulfill all requirements as set forth on the Home Card.

Do you realize that on the strength of your signature plans are being made regarding the distribution of foods for our soldiers? The Government is depending upon every home manager to save foods restricted by the pledge.

It is not the simplest matter in the world to adjust your old stand-by recipe to accommodate the plentiful foods. American women, however, are noted for their versatility and it only requires a short period of conservation to have the science of recipe adjustment mastered.

In substituting a pure vegetable shortening in a recipe, leaving all other ingredients the same we must remember that the vegetable shortening goes further than butter or ordinary lard. When the recipe calls for a tablespoon of butter use a scant three-quarters of a tablespoon of vegetable shortening. In substituting oleomargarine for butter use one-fourth less of oleomargarine.

When using molasses as a sweetening, it is well to use in proportions of half a cup of sugar to half a cup of molasses. One-half a teaspoon of soda will act as the necessary leavening agent with ordinary flour. When using molasses and soda with the heavier flours use some baking powder in addition as these flours require more leavening.

To extend wheat flour use cereal food

other than wheat with a small amount of meat. A very small amount of extract of beef carries the meat flavor through a large dish.

When substituting war flour for wheat in any quantity in bread it is found necessary to add a bit of baking powder in addition to the yeast. Be sure to sift the baking powder with the flour.

Rolled oats uncooked may be substituted for one-half wheat flour in bread, cookies or muffins without changing the other ingredients. Putting the rolled oats through the meat grinder facilitates the mixing somewhat.

THE WONDERFUL, BEAUTIFUL
INTERESTING EARTH

"If one has drained his land, and plowed it, and fertilized it, and planted it, and harvested it—even though it be only a few acres—how he comes to know and to love every rod of it! He knows the wet spots and the dry spots, the warmest and most fertile spots, until his acres have all the qualities of a personality, whose every characteristic he knows—Of all the places in the world where life can be lived to its fullest and freest, where it can be met in its greatest variety and beauty, I am convinced that there is none to equal the open country, or the country town. For all country people in these days may have the city, some city or town not too far away; but there are millions of men and women in America who have no country and no sense of the country. What do they not lose out of life?" David Grayson, in American Magazine.

NEWS NOTES

Girl messengers are now employed by many of the Government departments at Washington.

Alterations are being made which will double the seating capacity of the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

The strength of the naval reserve force is 49,250 men, 70 per cent of whom volunteered for general service.

The National Council of Women, meeting in Washington for war work, embraces 27 national woman's organizations representing 7,000,000 American women.

By reducing the size of their samples wholesale dealers will save this year \$419,500 worth of cloth, representing enough wool to provide uniforms for 67,500 soldiers.

According to the Department of Agriculture, over 5,000,000 eggs spoiled in cold storage each year because they have been washed or in some other way become wet before being sent to market.

German aircraft are marked with a Maltese cross. Allied planes used in Europe are distinguishable by a painted bull's-eye. American planes bear a circular blue field with a white star and a bright red center.

Red Cross relief shipments to Europe average over 10,000 tons a month. In one shipment was a consignment of 559 soccer footballs and 250 rugby footballs for American soldiers, purchased with funds raised by Harvard graduates.

According to Secretary Daniels, there was turkey for the Thanksgiving dinner of every man in the Navy. A naval supply ship arrived in European waters in time to furnish the men on the submarine-hunting destroyer with the traditional Thanksgiving fare.

The organization of a Cuban aviation unit to be offered France with complete equipment has been announced in Habana. Probably the Escadrille Cubaine, as the flying unit is called, will be the first body of fighting men from Cuba to serve on French soil.

Applications for war-risk insurance are now far past the billion-dollar mark. All soldiers, sailors, marines, and nurses in active service may buy insurance from the Government at the rate of from 65 cents a month at the age of 21 to \$1.21 a month at the age of 51 for each \$1,000.

In Minnesota a special war body has been organized, known as the Minnesota Motor Reserve. Its several hundred members, all automobile owners, are pledged to furnish their cars with drivers to transport representatives

of the Government who require such service.

Under the terms of a decision by Secretary McAdoo, the business of all insurance companies incorporated under the laws of enemy or ally of enemy countries is to be liquidated, with the exception of life insurance companies, which are allowed to continue existing contracts.

Every postal employee in the United States has been instructed to take an active part in the campaign for the sale of war-savings stamps. In order to reach the desired sales mark of \$2,000,000,000 by Jan. 1, 1919, it will be necessary to sell sufficient stamps to average \$16.50 for each man, woman, and child in the country.

The port of New York is under military control, the water fronts being guarded by the Regular Army. Fully armed guards prohibit the passage of any person, alien or citizen, who can not establish a business reason for access to the water front areas. The same military control will be established at all other American ports and may include factories engaged in war work.

GIVING UP MOURNING

The movement to abolish mourning raiment during the war grows as the spirit of self-sacrifice and helpfulness grows.

The burden of the war falls most heavily on those mothers, wives, sisters, sweethearts—who bravely and willingly send young heroes to the front and not by one whit should their burdens be increased.

The woman who is trying to be brave—and glad—because her dear one is going to do his bit to establish the high ideals of his country, is naturally deterred and depressed by constant evidences of loss in mourning garments all around her.

Nothing that women have ever done has been finer and nobler than this determination to sacrifice personal preference, personal feeling for the good of the greater number. The movement is being taken up all over the country. Says the Economist—one of the most authoritative trade magazines in the United States:

"The sight of numerous men and women dressed in the black garb that indicates bereavement could not but have deterrent effect on the patriotism of parents who have some subject to draft in future calls. It might weaken the national determination to do our part in bringing the war to a satisfactory finish."

"STANDARDIZE IT" IS THE
MOTTO OF COFFIN. THE
AIRPLANE MAN

If the war is won in the air, as at one time predicted, Howard E. Coffin and "standardization" will be largely responsible. Coffin is the man behind the United States big airplane program, and his motto is "Standardize it." He is one of Uncle Sam's dollar-a-year men, officially known as chairman of the Aircraft Production Board, one of the most important subsidiaries of the Council of National Defense. Just at present his job is to turn out an air fleet of 20,000 craft inside of a year. Sounds like something of a task, but if all that is said about Coffin is true he will fill the order. He made his reputation in the industrial world in the business of automobile manufacturing, which is also responsible for the development of his standardization theories.

When H. E. Coffin came to consider the nation's industrial possibilities in the line of war, his first thought, naturally enough, was to see what could be standardized. He knew that if the country got into the struggle it meant the conversion of a lot of peacetime industries into war-plants, all of which could be called upon to turn out identical supplies for the Government. In the matter of shells, for instance, it meant that the Government would have to call upon dozens of different factories, and that it would not be able to allow them to make shells according to their own ideas, but according to a single Government plan.

The standardization man developed the idea that the Government ought to encourage all kinds of manufacturing establishments to supply themselves with sets of tools and dies for shell-making, give them small orders, so that they might acquire familiarity with the work, and in that way begin to put them in readiness for what might be a great task. He carried out this idea in the automobile factory of which he was an owner, and actually installed sufficient machinery to start the manufacture of shells on a small scale.

For several months, before Congress provided anything but a small appropriation for the Council of National Defense, Coffin hammered away in Washington, with the aid of a staff whose salaries he paid out of his own pocket, and in a suite of offices for which he also paid the rent. Then the war came and the council assumed proportions far larger than ever. It soon became apparent that one of

the most important things America could do in the way of helping to win the war was to add to the air fleets of the Allies, and eventually to create a gigantic one of its own. Hence the Aircraft Production Board, with Coffin as its chairman.

From the time of its creation, he began to devote his attention exclusively to the airplane problem, dropping his munitions work. Here again was a cause for standardization, if ever it was needed. The facilities for airplane manufacture in the United States were pitifully small. Only one of the existing factories had a capacity that was worth serious consideration. Most of them were struggling affairs, making little or no money. They were building a few machines for the Allies, and a few for the United States; but not enough to last through a week of vigorous air-fighting on the Western front.

It was a case of creating an industry, to all intents and purposes. Coffin found the Government with less than a hundred machines of its own. During the year 1916 the Army had ordered 366 airplanes and had received only 64. The airplane infant was barely alive when the United States went to war.

One of the first problems to be met was the motor. In order to obtain these in the great quantities needed it was necessary to turn to the automobile-factories; and as they all made motors of different models standardization became necessary. Through Coffin expert designers were brought to Washington, where they evolved the Liberty motor in less than a month the spectacular history of which has been told. Then came the problem of wings and bodies. Here was another matter for standardization, and Coffin got busy again. Factories had to be built and men trained, but to-day the Government is assured that the wings and bodies will be forth-coming when the motors are ready to install.

So it has come to pass that Coffin, in going to work for the Government as one of its war-leaders, has witnessed an intensive standardization development such as he may have dreamed of, but never before experienced. It has been carried on far beyond mere airplane manufacture. There is now in process of manufacture a standard military truck, designed after the same fashion as the Liberty motor and parceled out among dozens of concerns, who are all engaged in the work.

Naturally, Coffin is a busy man. He

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Saturday
Dec. 15

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MAIN STREET

SURROUNDING TOWNS

DYER BROOK

Mrs. Guy Herron is visiting relatives in Houlton.

Mrs. Myrtle Keezer passed the week end in Houlton the guest of relatives.

Mrs. H. E. Cookson and Mrs. E. R. Smith were shoppers in Houlton recently.

C. D. McLaughlin and J. M. White were business callers in Houlton Tuesday.

Mrs. H. E. Cookson and Mrs. F. O. Crock were calling on friends in Oakfield Saturday.

Mrs. C. R. Brown and Mrs. C. Barrows were calling on friends in Smyrna Mills a few days ago.

Mrs. F. O. Crock, Mrs. C. McNinch, Mrs. C. Barrows, Mrs. J. M. White and Mrs. R. E. Stevens were guests of Mrs. H. F. Lougee, Wednesday.

Among the Xmas shoppers that visited Houlton Saturday from this vicinity were, Mrs. J. M. White, Mrs. R. E. Stevens, D. W. McLaughlin and wife, and Miss J. L. Hawksley.

The Red Cross will meet with Mrs. J. M. White, Thursday, we would be glad to have new members join, at present we have only 18 as two of our members have moved out of town.

NEW LIMERICK

The New Limerick Red Cross Auxiliary are starting a vigorous campaign for new members, although practically all in this section belong, having 52 members.

We have made two shipments of knitted goods, also hospital shirts, \$26.20 was raised to send the boys Xmas boxes, five boxes were shipped Nov. 11th, for boys from this locality who are overseas; seven more were mailed the 13th, to our boys at Camp Devens and at Georgia, but the Auxiliary is in need of funds to carry on this good work, and the ladies are planning on a chicken pie supper with all the fixings, in North Star Hall on the evening of Dec. 26. (Thursday) There will also be a sale of useful articles for Xmas gifts. Come and bring your family. Good music will be provided. Everybody help the Red Cross.

EAST HODGDON

Mr. Ezekiah Newman of Monticello was visiting his cousin, Mrs. Clarence London, last week.

Miss Alice Haley of Lynn, Mass., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. William Atherton for a few weeks.

Mr. Leland Gildred of Ludlow, has been spending the past week at his sister's Mrs. Miles Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dickinson of Union Corner, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Grant, Sunday.

Mrs. Fred A. Barton, Sadie and Benj. were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Eben Merritt, Sunday, in Hodgdon, who are smiling over the birth of a son, which arrived Dec. 16th.

The people are very sorry to hear that Miss Weeks, teacher of the Lincoln school was called home last Saturday by the death of her father, Mr. Weeks in Danforth.

Mrs. Alfred Henderson and Charlie Henderson of Green Road, were visiting Mrs. Elias Eagers, Sunday, who has been quite ill the past two weeks but is gaining now.

The friends in this place, are sorry to hear that Mrs. Willie Crane of Ludlow had to be operated upon at the Aroostook Hospital. We hope she will soon be around again.

LITTLETON

Schools in town will close next Friday for the Xmas vacation.

Mrs. Isaac Chase who has been ill for several weeks is much better.

Mrs. Marcus Leavitt of Hodgdon, was called here last week, by the illness of her son's wife, Mrs. Linwood Drake.

Mrs. Orie Titcomb, Mrs. Don Hubar, arrived home from Boston Saturday evening, they were accompanied by Miss Mabel Titcomb who will spend her Xmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Titcomb.

Bliss Hubar and wife and E. P. Titcomb and wife, left Monday, to attend the State Grange at Lewiston.

There will be a Christmas concert and tree at the F. B. Church on Monday evening, Dec. 24. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Condon, of Presque Isle, spent several days last week with her daughter, Maud Curtis, who is ill with pneumonia, at the home of D. F. Adams.

The Harrigan school will have an entertainment and Xmas tree at the school house on Friday P. M. at one o'clock, to which parents and friends are invited to be present.

The Ladies' Aid will hold their annual sale of knitting and aprons, at the Grange Hall, Monday evening, Dec. 31st. A good program will be given and an oyster stew served during the evening. Everybody welcome.

Littleton Grange met on Saturday evening. A class of six candidates were installed in the 3rd and 4th degrees. It was voted to install the officers on Saturday, Jan. 20th. The master and his wife of Houlton Grange are to be given an invitation to install our officers.

The Red Cross society met at the Grange Hall on Thursday afternoon. At this meeting Ralph Crosby, Sarah Crosby and Lucy D. McCordie were appointed a committee to get members to join the Red Cross. Don't wait to be asked to join but send your name and \$1.00 to any member of this committee.

LUDLOW

The schools of this town have closed for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thompson were Sunday guests of Mrs. J. E. Mersereau.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCain of New Limerick were calling on friends in town Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Jordan of Houlton spent Wednesday in town, the guest of her mother, Mrs. James Webb.

The many friends of Mr. Fred Warrman will regret to learn that he is seriously ill at the Aroostook hospital.

Miss Edna Mersereau, of Amherst, Mass., arrived home Saturday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Mersereau.

Those having charge of the sale for the benefit of the Red Cross, last week, turned over \$22.00 for the use of the local Auxiliary.

Eddie Barker and Frank Emery left town Wednesday for duties in the American Army, their many friends will miss them and all join in wishing them the best of luck.

The program given Saturday night by local talent gave a most delightful evening's entertainment to a large number, and all those taking part acquitted themselves with a great deal of credit.

Mrs. Willie Crane and Miss Mary Mersereau who were successfully operated upon for appendicitis at the Aroostook Hospital a few days ago, are very much improved and their many friends are looking for a speedy recovery.

HODGDON

Rev. H. H. Marr and wife are planning to spend Xmas at Canterbury, N. B.

Mrs. L. K. Porter has been on the sick list the past week. Her many friends are glad to know she is improving.

The Christmas Cantata, "Santa Claus Advice" will be given by the M. E. Sunday School, at the Church next Sunday evening.

Mr. N. W. Cone, Dr. P. L. B. Ebbett and wife, have been appointed to furnish entertainment at the Grange Hall, Saturday afternoon.

Remember that the Red Cross Auxiliary meets at the Town Hall on Thursday afternoon and plan to be present, work can be furnished for all.

According to the population the amount of two hundred dollars was expected from this town for the Y. M. C. A. work among the soldiers in France, but the people responded so liberally that the several solicitors obtained three hundred and seventeen dollars.

In the Baptist Church, the pastor, W. B. Crowell, will preach next Sunday morning on "Christmas without Christ." The service in the morning will be in the Church at the Mills, subject: "The Budding Figtree" or "Return of Israel the nation of the Troubled Breast and Weary Feet." On Christmas day there will be a Vesper Christmas service from 3 to 4 P. M. local time, in the church at Hodgdon Corner.

LINNEUS

Schools commenced in town Monday morning.

Mr. John McLean left Friday with the boys who were called to go to Ayer.

Mr. Willie Adams has purchased the Joe Anderson house on High St., Houlton.

Mrs. Garfield Burton is clerking for G. W. Richards Co., Houlton, during the Xmas holidays.

Mrs. Willie Adams and little daughter Jessie, spent last Wednesday and Thursday in Houlton.

Mrs. Ed Bliss and daughter, Miss Helen, of Houlton, spent Sunday with Miss Marion French.

Quite a number of relatives from Linneus attended the funeral of Geo. T. Holyoke in Houlton last Wednesday.

Mr. Waldo Little and sister, Miss Amy Little, bought property on High St., Houlton, and moved there last week.

Mrs. David Adams, returned, last week from a 2 months visit with relatives in Bangor and is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Willie Getchell.

Miss Effie Hannan who is teaching near Portland, came home last Saturday to spend Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hannan.

Mrs. Cora Putnam of Houlton, was in town Tuesday, Dec. 11th, and organized a Red Cross Auxiliary; Mrs. Cora Stinson, Chairman; Miss Winnie Logie, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Sadie Hazeltine, Secretary; Mrs. Dora Hubbard, Treasurer.

RED CROSS DRIVE

Oh, a Red Cross drive we will make this week.

Six hundred new members is what we seek.

We want every loyal person in this good old town.

To be sure and join the Red Cross, just "one dollar down."

For the Red Cross is doing a noble work.

And in times like this we must not shirk.

So let each one do his duty in a patriotic way.

And be proud to join the Red Cross of the U. S. A.

R. C. I. NOTES

Thursday afternoon, Dec. 13, the Ricker students had the pleasure of having Dr. Clifford among them. He gave them a picture lecture on the different places of Europe and America he had visited. It certainly was appreciated by the school. It made a person forget for a few minutes that it was 20 below zero out doors when he showed the southern parts of Europe such as Italy and southern France. Rev. Clifford visited Ricker about twelve years ago, but hopes he won't stay away so long next time.

The Junior Play "A Modern Cinderella" was given in Watson Hall, Friday evening, and proved a delightful evening's entertainment. Notable among the cast were Miss Pollard, Miss Haggerty and Miss Harmon, supporting Miss Murray in the leading role.

The Basket ball Class Games were played Tuesday night, Dec. 11, between the Senior-Sophomore and Junior-Freshmen. The scores of the Senior and Sophomore were 11 to 16 in favor of the Sophomore. The scores of the Junior and Freshmen were 17 to 12. The two winning teams played off, the game ending 7 to 10 in favor of the Freshmen.

The Ricker Y. M. C. A. last Thursday evening was led by James Jackins who was a graduate of Ricker in 1915. He takes great interest in the school and likes to speak to the boys whenever he can. He is working for the First Baptist Church and is doing splendidly. His speech was on True loyalty to your school, your parents, your country, and to God the most of all. The boys all took part in the meeting and were enthusiastic listeners.

Last Thursday night in the Memorial Parlors of Ricker there was held a Y. W. C. A. meeting, Miss Watson and Miss Bithor were the leaders. A piano and violin duet was played by the Misses Lewin and Gilmore. Few of the girls attended but it was a very good meeting. The subject was "How we can help on Christmas Day."

Ricker regrets losing Miss Steward who goes to Sanford High School, Jan. 1, to assist in the English dept. there.

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Regular meeting of N. E. O. P. on Friday evening, Dec. 21. This is election of officers for the coming year. All members should make special effort to be present. Lodge hours promptly at 7.30.

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State of Maine

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Oakfield, in the County of Aroostook, for the year 1917.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Oakfield aforesaid, for the year 1917, committed to me for collection for said Town on the thirtieth day of April, 1917, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Grange Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1918, at nine o'clock, A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. of Tax due including int. and charges.
L. H. May	South-east part of lot No. 57, acres 20, value \$60	\$ 3.60
John Shorey	Part of lot No. 10, acres 1, value \$90	4.90
Heirs of Abbie Allen	Part of lot No. 22, acres 14, value \$100	5.36
Walter Lake	East part of lot No. 140, acres 46 value \$225	10.82

HENRY WRIGHT,

Collector of Taxes of the Town of Oakfield.

Dated, 17th, day of December, 1917.

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GOLDWYN PICTURES

OF LOCAL INTEREST

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. C. E. Dunn, Thursday, Dec. 20th. Mrs. Geo. Davis, of Gardiner, Me., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. McNair, Park St.

Mrs. Allen T. Smith is in Boston on business connected with matters pertaining to the Red Cross work.

Mrs. Geo. D. Sanders, left, Friday, for a few week's visit in Boston, being joined by her husband at Sherman. Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Ward, Lincoln St., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son who arrived last Friday, Dec. 14.

Mrs. O. B. Buzzell was called to Bangor, Friday, by the illness of her father, Jas. Swain, who is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Virgie.

Gen'l manager L. S. Black of the A. T. & T. Co., was a passenger on Monday evening's train for Boston on a business trip.

Omar Dow, R. F. D. carrier on route 2, made all of his trips last week despite the big storm, being the only carrier to complete his trips.

It was "Kelso" week at the Bowdoin last week on the high man proposition as L. F. Kelso captured high honors every day but two and was only one solitary pin shy, on one of those days.

H. M. Briggs Esq., went to Boston, Monday, on a business trip of a few days.

The local exemption board has mailed to all numbers from 1 to 454 inclusive questions, which the law requires shall be answered and returned within 7 days.

Houlton friends of Leslie A. Waugh of Bangor, who for several years has been chief clerk to the Gen'l Manager of the B. & A., will be glad to learn that he has accepted a position with the U. S. Shipping board, with headquarters at Washington, D. C. For several years he was employed in the Houlton office.

Among the large number of recruits for the U. S. service which left Bangor recently for Fort Slocum, N. Y., the following Houlton boys were members: Louis Crabbe, Perley E. Bell, James Finnegan, who enlisted for the cavalry branch, and Arwin W. Dow, aviation branch.

Thos. McLaughlin of Waterville, a frequent visitor in Houlton, has recently been appointed Supt. of the Eastern division of the Maine Central R. R. For a number of years Mr. McLaughlin has been Asst. Supt. of the Portland Division, and his promotion is most gratifying to his many friends in this section.

The Circle of the Congregational Church will meet, this Wednesday P. M., with Mrs. Ludwig. This is the annual meeting, and all members are requested to be present.

The next meeting of the Houlton Woman's Club will occur at the high school auditorium on Monday evening, Dec. 31. This meeting will consist of a lecture by Prof. Roscoe Ham of Bowdoin college on Russia and the public is urged to attend. Price of admission will be 35 cents.

RED CROSS MEETING

Monday was "get together" day for the Auxiliaries of the Southern Aroostook Chapter of the American Red Cross and many delegates were in town to listen to plans arranged for the big membership drive which is now on.

The Kaiser has said that the recent drive for funds was subscribed to by a few millionaires. This drive for membership is to drive home the fact that it is also a peoples fund, and when it is finished the Kaiser and his advisers must be convinced that America, old and young, rich and poor are behind the government with their dollars, and that there are a few more in reserve for future use. As a fitting climax to the afternoon session the committee had arranged for a public meeting in the High School Auditorium where Dr. F. H. Jackson of the Houlton Draft Board and Sergt. Perley McIntyre of Richmond, N. B., a returned Canadian soldier, were to speak.

Dr. Jackson explained to his hearers the intricate working of the draft law, clearing up many puzzling questions and told how Uncle Sam had worked out the raising of an army which sooner or later will be the finest in the world.

Sergt. McIntyre in his introductory remarks claimed to be no platform speaker, he was a man of deeds not words, and went on in a conversational way to describe the life of a soldier at the front and in the trenches.

Sergt. McIntyre has had 3 years actual fighting experience and was a participant in some of the fiercest battles of the war, such as Ypres-Vimy Ridge, Messines, Somme, and many other smaller scraps, he has been wounded three times and his story was listened to with a great deal of interest. He paid a fine tribute to the Y. M. C. A. huts at the front, the nursing work and all that the Red Cross is doing for the soldiers and urged everybody in the hall to "give until it hurt," for the cause of right and world democracy.

Sergt. McIntyre wore upon his breast the Victoria Cross and Cross of St. George, for deeds of valor, decorations of which he is justly proud. Music for the evening was furnished by Bryson's orchestra who delightfully entertained those present with several patriotic selections.

TIMES TOBACCO FUND

To some people cigarettes are very offensive, but to the boys in France they are a luxury.

Boys who did not use them are not liable to contract the habit, but to those who do smoke, there is nothing which they enjoy more.

The TIMES will gladly forward any amount which people wish to give, to the boys "Over There."

45 cents worth of tobacco which is sent for your quarter.

A package of Tuxedo tobacco and four books of cigarette papers.

Three pouches of Bull Durham tobacco and three books of papers.

Two packages of Lucky Strike cigarettes, twenty cigarettes in each package.

A return postal card addressed to the contributor on which the soldier will pen his appreciation and gratitude for the gift.

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Following are the donors: Wm. W. Palmer, Claude Ruth, Ben Murphy, (Monticello) Mrs. E. E. Weed.

S. J. COURT ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments for 1918, Aroostook County First Tuesday of February, at Caribou, Associate Justice Warren C. Philbrook; third Tuesday of April, at Houlton, Chief Justice Leslie C. Cornish; first Tuesday of September, at Caribou, Associate Justice Albert M. Spear; third Tuesday of November, at Houlton, Associate Justice George F. Haley.

CANADA'S WAR LOAN

Canada's Victory War Loan campaign came to a close on Dec. 1 and the aggregate subscriptions received for the \$150,000,000 of the 5 1/2 per cent bonds included in the offering have been about \$415,056,000.

As the banks of the Dominion did not underwrite or make any direct subscriptions for the bonds, the overwhelming success of the new war loan is attributable entirely to the people of Canada. In fact the remarkable feature of the operation is the multitude of individual subscriptions numbering in all 780,000.

Canada's third war loan of \$150,000,000 in 5 per cent bonds offered in March 1917, was taken by 40,000 subscribers. In the case of the loan which has just been closed, the city of Toronto alone is credited with more than 100,000 subscriptions, aggregating \$63,000,000, while the province of Ontario outside of Toronto absorbed \$101,000,000. The city of Montreal is credited with subscriptions for a total of \$55,000,000. In proportion to the population of the Dominion, the results of the loan give a magnificent demonstration of the financial strength of the country and of its devotion to the cause of the British Empire in the present war.

MARIGOLD QUARTETTE

Houlton people enjoyed a musical treat on Tuesday evening when The Marigold Quartette, the second entertainment in the High School course gave a most enjoyable and varied program, a program that was just a little different from the usual musical entertainments.

The young ladies comprising the quartette were most charming, and responded graciously to the most liberal applause.

Miss LaSheck, with her superb contralto voice which she used to splendid advantage, together with her genial personality, made a pleasing impression.

Miss Crosby, the soprano, too, captivated the audience by her charming stage presence, beside possessing a beautiful voice, her impersonations were wonderfully realistic.

The other members of the quartette also contributed a good share of the evening's entertainment which was certainly a most satisfactory one to the large number present.

If the two productions already given in the course are a sample of what is to follow it is needless to say that the S. R. O. sign will need to be hung out for the later numbers in the course.

Mr. Davis, the principal of the school is to be congratulated upon his selection of the artists who appear in this course of entertainments.

MARY ELIZA MCPHETERS

Death claimed, late Sunday evening, another of Houlton's most respected citizens in the person of Mary E. McPheters, who for more than 50 years has lived in this town, loved and esteemed by all.

Only a short week of illness that at first did not look serious in any way to alarm her friends, but on Friday it was deemed expedient to remove her to the Aroostook Hospital where she gradually failed until death ensued Sunday.

Miss McPheters was born in Orono, Me., the daughter of the late Robert McPheters, and came to Houlton when a girl to live with her sister, Mrs. Robert Esters, where she continued to make her home until the death of Mrs. Esters which occurred some 12 years ago, since then she has lived by herself.

She was a woman possessing many fine qualities, splendidly educated, well read, finely versed in literature and history, she made a most interesting woman whom it was a pleasure to meet. During her entire life she devoted a portion of her time to reading, not for an idle pastime but for the pleasure of keeping abreast with the times.

She was a loyal friend in sickness or health, a fine neighbor who could always be depended upon for help of any sort, ready at all times to do her part in life's battle and one who will be most sincerely missed by a large circle of friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday P. M. from the home of her nephew, Robt. H. Esters, Pleasant St., and were conducted by Rev. Clifford T. Clark, her own pastor, Rev. Geo. Dana Sanders of the Unitarian Church being absent from town. Burial was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

AUTO SHOW

The Houlton Motor Car Dealers Assn., at a recent meeting, voted to hold their second annual Automobile Show, on March 20th-23rd, and plans were discussed and settled upon to make it more of a success than the last year's show.

This can be done as the dealers, profiting by former experience and the united support which was given by the dealers and merchants, together with the large addition of floor space, all go to make one grand successful show.

Watch for further particulars and do your part when the time comes. We can make the 1918 show a hummer.

HOULTON AUTO DEALERS ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Houlton Auto Dealers, was held last week, at the office of the President, F. F. Harrison, to discuss the business for the coming year, and one matter of business was the election of officers, when the following were chosen:

President W. T. Small
V. President R. L. Berry
Treas. Charles Wise
Secy. J. Dal Luther
Executive Com., F. F. Harrison, Geo. H. Taber, and Ralph L. Berry.

The members were enthusiastic for a vigorous campaign for the coming year and for the annual auto show which is to be held in March.

Among other business coming before the meeting was the change of name of the Association, which hereafter will be known as The Houlton Motor Car Dealers Assn.

OVER THE TOP

Sergt. Empey who wrote the much read book of the above title said in his lecture in Portland last week, that it was every person's duty of the army that stays at home to subscribe to the Red Cross.

All over New England during the present week, committees are busy soliciting membership for the Red Cross. It's only a dollar that is asked from you. Only a dollar to help out this most important work.

Southern Aroostook has only 2200 members, and they want and must have double that number, as the solicitors who call will tell you. For those who do not know what this magnificent work means, it is only necessary to hear from some of the boys who have been wounded to know that these Red Cross nurses, "Angels of Mercy", are absolutely necessary in caring for the wounded on the battle fronts, doing the things for the boys who are maimed and blinded, who have lost legs and arms, just what the mothers would do for them were they at home. Read of the noble work they did at Halifax during the terrible disaster that befell that city, for without them the suffering would never have been alleviated.

Many of the officials have given up lucrative positions to devote their time to carrying on the work of this association, as managers and other duties. The nurses are obliged to work many times all night and all day for the boys who are suffering from wounds, and our dollar is but a small part of what others at the front are doing.

Give cheerfully when the canvassers call and you will sleep better.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS ASSOCIATION

At this Christmas time, in the year of our Lord, 1917, when the whole world is depressed by war and disaster, the question arises, "Ought we to observe Christmas at all?" Do not the words "On earth peace, good-will toward men" seem inconsistent? Christ foresaw that there could be no permanent peace on earth until it had been fought for and paid for. He said: "I came not to send peace, but a sword."

Will it not cheer our hearts to observe Christ's birthday by striving for the true Christmas spirit of unselfishness and love? "Through Christ we shall conquer," and freedom and justice will be restored to the world. Let us, then, observe this Christmas not by giving expensive and useless gifts, but rather by remembering our friends simply with the spirit of love. Let us remember the poor and needy about us, and help to relieve the suffering of the unfortunate ones. The committee have found great need here in our own town. Many are suffering from cold and hunger.

Contributions of money should be sent to the treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Pennington, High St. Clothing, books, toys, cooked food, vegetables, groceries, fruit, canned goods and jellies should be sent to Mrs. William McDonald, Kellerman St. Please report cases of needy families to Mrs. Chas. P. Barnes, chairman. While cooking for your own Christmas, please cook a little extra and send to Mrs. McDonald, by Saturday, Dec. 22, or Monday forenoon, Dec. 24th.

COMMUNICATION

Mr. Editor: We are apt to appreciate matters all the more highly when they come directly home to us. This remark applies, in this instance, to the great work done by the Y. M. C. A. among our soldier boys.

A letter received today from my son, Robert, in France, speaks in high appreciation of the branch lately installed at the military base where he is stationed, and the boys in charge of the work. He says that they are "fine fellows." What, with facilities for writing letters, baths, reading matter, "movies" twice a week, occasional addresses, and opportunities for buying many of the small things needed, my son's letter takes on an almost enthusiastic tone.

Surely all who helped to make a success of the Y. M. C. A. drive made no mistake.

(Signed) Chas. E. Williams.
Houlton, Me., Dec. 17, 1917.

OUR SOLDIER BOYS

The Houlton boys at Camp Devens had a touch of trench life, last week, when they spent the night in the trenches. All were sound asleep excepting the guards when an alarm was given of a surprise attack, and the boys were quickly at their posts to repel the "enemy."

Our boys are learning rapidly and there will be "something doing" when they do meet the enemy.

OVERHEATED FLUE NEARLY CAUSES CONFLAGRATION

An overheated flue in the Putnam and Mansur block nearly caused a disastrous fire early Saturday evening, as it was, Osgood's "Little Store with the big stock" was a wreck within 10 minutes after fire was discovered between the walls of the building. The chemical auto truck responded to a bell alarm and soon had the blaze subdued by the use of chemicals saving a big loss by water.

It is fortunate that the fire was discovered in the evening for had it occurred in the night it would probably have swept the Putnam & Mansur block off the map.

Prompt work by Mr. Osgood and his crew put the store and stock in a presentable condition for re-opening Monday for his Christmas trade.

FORMER HOULTON BOY MARRIED

A Pendleton, Oregon, paper has the following account of the marriage of a former Houlton boy:

Robert Garrison formerly of Portland, and Miss Anna Rosine Pinkbier, formerly of Spokane, were united in marriage on Saturday evening at the residence of Rev. H. H. Hubbell, pastor of the Christian church. The wedding was a quiet affair. Mr. Garrison is employed by Gillanders and Burroughs and has been in Pendleton since October. They have made many friends since their residence in this city, and the news of their marriage has brought to them a host of good wishes for the future. Mr. Garrison was for four years a travelling salesman for a Portland firm and met his bride at Spokane, where she was a graduate nurse, having received her training in one of the hospitals of that city.

LAST OF THE FIRST DRAFT MEN LEAVE FOR TRAINING QUARTERS

The final allotment of men comprising the first draft for the National Army have been sent forward, Saturday seeing the last man away.

These men were sent to Fort Williams, Portland, Me., where they will probably be assigned to the Coast Artillery. Owing to the short notice given the local board, the total number could not be mobilized at once, so were sent out in 4 detachments, making a total of 50 men, each shipment going forward in charge of one of their members and all were accompanied to the trains by members of the local boards who did everything in their power to make them comfortable.

Following are the names of those leaving this week.

Dec. 12th to Ft. Williams, Portland
Hobart E. B. Adams, Littleton, Wm. E. Hare, Monticello; Ernest J. Nickerson, Houlton; Charles H. Flint, Ashland; Russell H. Britton, Houlton; Arthur W. Briggs, Monticello; Halsea W. Richards, Houlton; Henry I. Goodale, Island Falls; Chas. A. H. Brooks, Ashland; Hugh B. Bartlett, Ashland.
Dec. 13th to Ft. Williams, Portland
Grover L. Johnson, Presque Isle; Earl E. Clark, Presque Isle; Ray H. McGlaughlin, Presque Isle; Ernest E. Marston, Presque Isle; Milton C. Dunton, Presque Isle; Leonard M. Tozier, Sherman; Roy Warren Gibson, Percy L. Rowe, Island Falls; Daniel B. Rush, Benedicta; Francis B. Emery, Ludlow; Milo W. Hardy, Houlton; Harry D. Reed, Presque Isle; Edward W. Barker, Ludlow; Ivan Roy Curtis, Presque Isle; Roy M. Brown, Presque Isle; Lester V. Smith, Mapleton; Jesse J. Barnes, Easton.

Dec. 14-15 to Ft. Williams, Portland
Eugene E. Lawler, Benedicta; Thos. Hunter, Macwahoc; Alfred P. Brannen, Oakfield; Fred R. Logan, Houlton; Elty C. Goulo, Presque Isle; Geo. P. Allen, Presque Isle; Guy S. Hawkey, Mars Hill; Henry Faulkner, Monticello; Perley B. Cray, Westfield; Howard Lavine, Houlton; Burton H. Lenantine, Monticello; John A. McLean, Linneus Claude R. Moran, Presque Isle; Eldin E. Pray, Hodgdon; Teed Sewell, Monticello; Benj. H. Hartsgrove, Blaine; John I. Rigby, Island Falls; James L. McGann, Houlton; Perley H. Flewelling, Easton; Carl W. Day, Ashland; John H.

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RED CROSS CHRISTMAS

Many people are revising their Christmas lists this year. The pleasant habit whereby Susan sends Mary a pink hand bag and Mary sends Susan a lavender hand bag—which neither of them would have bought for herself—while Tom sends Dick a box of cigars and Dick sends Tom a more or less superfluous meerschaum pipe, is not appropriate at this time, when people whose cause we have made our own are suffering for necessities of life, and soldiers who are fighting our battles wait in pain for the ambulance.

The Red Cross wants ten million new members this holiday season. It wants all the money the resources and generosity of the American people can supply.

Make it, first of all, a Red Cross Christmas!

Your Christmas does not need the usual litter of acknowledgements and Christmas cards this year. It can well take all that for granted. What it decidedly does need is knowledge that from your comfort and security something has gone out to alleviate a little the boundless woe in Europe. Without that knowledge, it will be a selfish, niggard Christmas which is no Christmas at all.

There should not be in all the United States a single Christmas gathering without its membership in the Red Cross, and a contribution to that cause as liberal as the means of the family will allow.

Every Christmas lists needs revision this year, with Red Cross at the top. If you have not done it already, write it down now.

CANADA'S VICTORY

Canada, after more than three years of very earnest and active participation in the great war, is still going over the top, financially speaking, in very inspiring fashion. Less than a month ago it set out to raise its fourth war loan. Of the previous loans two have been for \$100,000,000 each and one of \$150,000,000. None of the three was a purely domestic loan, however. When it planned for its fourth loan it named \$150,000,000 as the sum and decided that it should be purely a domestic affair. But the managers, after the manner of loan fund managers in this country, set a maximum far above the \$150,000,000 that it was necessary to raise. They made \$300,000,000 the maximum, and probably not one among them believed that that sum would be raised.

What has happened? When last week began the subscribers had reached \$350,000,000, and it was expected that complete returns would bring the total to fully \$400,000,000, or far more than the three earlier loans combined. What Canada has just done, with the remarkable demonstrations of loyalty and patriotic determination that have marked the Victory loan campaign, is, when we consider its wealth and population, an indication of what this country can do if the big test really comes.

Had an Advantage

Heck—"Yes, I have met your wife. In fact, I knew her before you married her."

Peck—"Ah, that's where you had the advantage of me—I didn't."

A REAL FIGHTING MAN TO ADVISE OUR WAR-COMMISSION

A two-fisted American fighting man will act as adviser to Colonel House when he attends the first meeting of the Supreme War-Council in Paris as the head of the American War-Mission. He is Gen. Tasker Howard Bliss, who succeeded Gen. Hugh L. Scott—who retired on September 21—as Chief of Staff of the United States Army. This appointment came as the climax of an active military career of forty years, as General Bliss reaches the age of retirement in December. It is not regarded, however, merely as a compliment—a reward upon quitting service. He was appointed because he was considered the best man for the job. And it is not at all certain that he will retire, but should he be relieved by a younger man as Chief of Staff, those who know him best declare that he will go to an active command in the field.

It would be difficult to pick a man in the present generation of army officers who has more thoroughly run the gamut of service. It was in 1875 that he graduated from West Point as a youngster of twenty-three. He had entered the Military Academy from Pennsylvania, his home being at Lewisburg, where he still maintains a residence. His first commission of second lieutenant was in the artillery, and it is in that branch of the service and in the commissary that he has done most of his work. He was an honor graduate of the artillery school in those early days.

During the long drag of comparative inactivity during the eighties and nineties he served as commissary of subsistence with the rank of captain and finally as major. The Spanish-American War found him a major, but offered him his opportunity. He resigned in the regular Army and became a lieutenant-colonel of volunteers. He saw active service in the Porto Rican campaign and was among those officers whose duty it was to point the way to the United States Government which led to energetic methods looking toward an overthrowing of that island and a treatment of its people that would give them a chance at health and productiveness denied to them under the Spanish regime.

When the Spanish-American War was over Bliss went back to the regular Army, again as major. In the meantime he had been collector of customs at Havana and had been instrumental in rehabilitating the Cuban customs service. In this work he was of special value because of his knowledge of Spanish and Spanish peoples, a knowledge that had been perfected by two years as military attaché in Madrid just before the war. He was a special commissioner to Cuba after the war, and arranged the treaty of reciprocity between that nation and the United States.

Bliss was appointed a Brigadier-General in 1902, after which he spent two years at the War-College, where he developed the technical side of his war-knowledge. Then, he went to the Philippines and there for several years wrestled with the trying problems of insular government. The chief of these was in command of the Department of Mindanao, in the southern part of the group, where they sit upon the equator. This is the part of the islands where reside those Moro Mohammedan citizens of the United States, and at the time of the coming of General Bliss they were still in the ways of piracy and still held that the greatest of glories was to die while killing Christians.

Since his return from the Philippines General Bliss has commanded the Department of California, the Department of the East, and the Department of the South. He has done two separate bits on the General Staff at Washington, the last of which has lasted for two years.

General Bliss and General Scott are fast friends. They are men of similar age and training. Each has seen much service, and has had much administrative duty. When General Scott went with the Root mission to Russia, General Bliss sat upon the lid and acted as Chief of Staff. The actual chief upon his return assumed charge, but he was so close to the age of retirement that he left much to his associate.

A few incidents of his administration in Havana will give an insight into the character of the man who has been chosen as adviser to our War-Commission abroad. When he was assigned to the job of cleaning up Cuba morally and physically the sixteen customs districts were collecting \$15,000,000 annually and only \$6,000,000 reached the Spanish Government. Spanish officials were said to have worked in a combination with the importers, and friends of Bliss warned him not to take the job as his commission, reputation, and possibly his life would be at stake. He not only

took the job but doubled the revenues, taking in more than \$100,000,000 during his administration, and at one time had the entire force of appraisers in jail.

In the course of one of his tours of duty in Washington, General Bliss, then a young officer, struck up a friendship with a Russian in the Treasury Department who convinced him that the Russian language was worth learning. Bliss already knew Spanish, French, and German. He added Russian. Some time after that Col. Roger Birney, the father of the built-up gun, showed him a manuscript in Russian on the science of artillery and said he would give a good deal for a translation. Bliss translated it, and it was so valuable that the War Department published it for use in the artillery school. After that he translated various other Russian books for the use of the army.

"I never get tired of the job," General Bliss once said to a curious fellow officer who asked him why he did not take more leave. The records of the Adjutant-General's office show that, since his graduation from West Point in 1875, General Bliss has taken leaves of absence aggregating, all told, for the forty-two years, only three months and twelve days. For the same period of forty-two years he has had about twenty days off for sickness. If he had taken all the time that he was entitled to he would have had four years off, with full pay. His longest absence from the service was a month, when he came East from his station on the Pacific coast to get married.

When he got his appointment to West Point he was a boy of seventeen, living in Lewisburg, Pa. His father, a clergyman, told him that he should go and thank Congressman Packer, the man who had got his appointment for him, who was fourteen miles away in Sunbury. The boy walked all the way there and back, twenty-eight miles, on a hot day in August, carrying his shoes in his hands.

SIMPLE GRADUATION PROGRAMS ARE URGED

Josiah W. Taylor of Augusta, the state agent for secondary education in Maine, in a statement issued, advises that all expenses of graduation be reduced to a minimum, that decorations be simple, programs inexpensive, invitations, flowers, presents and the like be omitted, that strict economy be observed in the matter of dress and other display, that music be furnished by the school and that in every particular the exercises be made simple, dignified and democratic.

"Undoubtedly many high school classes will be considering graduation plans within the next few months," said Mr. Taylor.

"The question of the usual exercises or the so called 'Washington Trip' is likely to come up for consideration, and there are many reasons why the former should take precedence this year," continued Mr. Taylor.

"The opportunity of giving graduating exercises an interest apart from the ordinary through the topics which the national crisis may furnish will be unusual. The pageant of national and local history can be used to advantage. The individual exercises

showing relation of school work to matters of current interest as in the case of history and social science and from another angle, the application of the science will prove of interest to the public.

"Most of all the graduating classes may reflect the emphasis which is being placed everywhere on the importance of high school education during the war and after. Success has attended many public graduations at which the exercises have endeavored to give expression to the actual work of the school. Demonstrations of technical work as in the commercial departments, science experiments and even mathematics and foreign languages have proven highly interesting and have served effectively in informing the public of the work of the schools.

"The public exercises at the close of the year is one of the customs which have come down and can be made to fit into the changing conditions of high school administration. Its original purpose was to demonstrate the progress of pupils and show what the school had accomplished. With complex curricula and side range of interest and aims of the modern high school there is the greater need that there will be some way of keeping the public informed as to the activities and the results of its work. Hence, the real importance of the public graduation.

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9:20 a. m.—For Millinocket, Bangor and principal intermediate stations—Portland and Boston, via Brownville.

11:30 a. m.—For Ashland, Ft. Kent, St. Francis and intermediate stations, also for Washburn, Presque Isle, Van Buren, Grand Isle, Madawaska, Frenchville and intermediate stations via St. Francis, Bangor, Portland and Caribou.

12:54 p. m.—For Ft. Fairfield, Caribou, Limestone and intermediate stations.

1:32 p. m.—For Millinocket, Greenville, Bangor and intermediate stations, Portland and Boston.

5:58 p. m.—For Millinocket, Greenville, Bangor and intermediate stations, Portland and Boston, Buffet Sleeping Car Caribou to Boston.

7:50 p. m.—For Ft. Fairfield, Caribou, Van Buren and intermediate stations.

TRAINS DUE HOULTON Daily Except Sunday

8:30 a. m.—From Boston, Portland, Bangor and intermediate stations, Buffet Sleeping Car Boston to Caribou.

9:15 a. m.—From Van Buren, Caribou, Ft. Fairfield and intermediate stations.

12:49 p. m.—From Boston, Portland, Bangor, Greenville and intermediate stations.

1:27 p. m.—From Caribou, Ft. Fairfield and intermediate stations.

2:40 p. m.—From St. Francis, Ft. Kent, Ashland and intermediate stations, also St. Francis, Frenchville, Madawaska, Grand Isle, Van Buren, Washburn, Presque Isle and intermediate stations, via Mapleton and Squa Pan.

5:53 p. m.—From Van Buren, Limestone, Caribou, Ft. Fairfield and intermediate stations.

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HOW WAR DROVE UP PRICES OF DRUGS

In none of the avenues of commerce has the effect of the world war been felt more keenly than in the drug marts of civilization. In a communication to the National Geographic Society a part of which has been issued as a war geography bulletin, Dr. John Foote recites some of the conspicuous examples of the high cost of being ill. He says:

"It is interesting to compare some of the prices per pound quoted in wholesale drug trade bulletins July, 1914, and then a year later. Bleaching powder or 'chloride of lime' used in the arts and as a disinfectant advanced from 1 1/2 cents to 9 cents per pound; sal-soda or washing soda, from 60 cents to 85 cents; nitrite of soda, valuable both as a medicine and for its nitrogen, from \$1.90 to \$3.25; chlorate of potash, from 15 cents to 45 cents; oxalic acid, from 13 cents to 50 cents per pound; quinine, from 16 cents to 50 cents an ounce; caffeine from \$4.25 to \$11.50 an ounce; opium salts from 1 1/2 cents to 3 1/2 cents a pound; oil of wintergreen (artificial) from 55 cents to \$3.60 a pound; permanganate of potash, a disinfectant, from 14 cents to \$1.50 a pound; sodium Salicylate, used for rheumatism, from 65 cents to \$4 a pound; thymol, a specific for hookworm, from \$1.20 to \$6.50 an ounce; antipyrin, from 30 cents to \$3 an ounce; phenolthalein, used both as a chemical reagent and as a laxative medicine, from 80 cents to \$45 a pound. These are chemicals, many of which came from Germany, and their advance was usually a direct result of

Aspirin is a compound of salicylic acid almost universally used for all kinds of aches and pains, and until recently the patent on the drug was held by a German firm. Shortly after the outbreak of the war it began to rise spasmodically until, under its unpatented title it caromed from 32 cents a pound to \$1.25 a pound. For he it known, aspirin, of a lineage slightly different from the German article, sometimes traveled incognito as acetyl-salicylic acid, and was identical in everything save name and price. Carbollic acid is really the parent substance of these aspirin and salicylate preparations, and, as everybody knows it is also an excellent and much-used surgical antiseptic. Two good reasons why the price should gyrate when war broke out; and gyrate it did. From 25 cents a pound to \$2 the pendulum oscillated. Now it is cheap once more at about 75 cents a pound, not more than 200 per cent higher than in 1914.

The war bore heavily on bald-headed and nervous people. Practically all hair tonics nowadays contain resorcin—a coal tar produce we have always allowed Germany to make for us, and another cousin to carbollic acid. From \$2 to \$32 rose the price of a pound of resorcin, putting a sudden damper on the enthusiasts of intensive scalp culture. And the bald found it costly to be nervous over this advance, since bromide of potassium, long used to calm excited nerves, advanced from 50 cents to several dollars, and at one time it touched \$12 a pound. These excessively high prices were speculative phenomena, and did

not hold at the maximum level, though bromides are still \$1.20 a pound and resorcin \$2, a pound. Practically all remedies for the round-worm of children contain sal-tonin. Sal-tonin ballooned to dizzy heights in a few months—from \$13 to \$75 a pound. It is now relatively cheap at about \$50 a pound. But as a pound would supply about 11,000 doses, we do not need this drug in car-load lots!

Camphor, which is important not only in medicine, but in the arts and manufactures, was an example of efficient production and control of output. After the Japanese-Chinese war, Japan obtained control of the Formosa forests are practically inexhaustible, forestry measures were instituted for replanting and care of trees; 2,000 police were furnished to protect workers and large refining plants were built. Workers were paid a fixed sum. The distribution of the

entire product was let by contract and the right of sale awarded an English firm, the latter contracting to conduct the sale of camphor in New York, London, Hamburg and Hongkong, and to accept from Japan a definite amount of camphor each year. The closing of the port of Hamburg has not, however, demoralized the trade. In July, 1914, American refined camphor sold at 44 1/2 cents per pound in barrel lots. In 1916 it had advanced to 90 cents.

The price of Norwegian cod liver oil is an index of submarine efficiency. In 1914 the oil sold for 60 cents a gallon; in 1916 for \$5.50. Perhaps the German scarcity of animal fats has also something to do with this increase. The rise in price and scarcity of the much-used mineral oil in the first year of the war will be remembered. Here, again, America has been able to utilize native products to supply the deficiency.

Lacking One Dimension

Alfred A. Knopf, New York's Russian expert, said the other day:

"The Russian revolutionists are mystics. They're idealists. They now invite the German populace to revolt, but revolution demands a democratic spirit, and the German people, so far as a democratic spirit goes, are as deficient as the very fat old lady who got stuck in the door of a car and could get neither out nor in."

"Sideways, ma'am. Try sideways," the conductor shouted helpfully.

"Oh, drat the fellow," panted the old lady. "I ain't got no sideways!"

So closely is the world linked, that one phase of the world war is being fought out in the American kitchen, where the housewife will by the skilled general who will drive back the menace of starvation from the flanks of our Allies.

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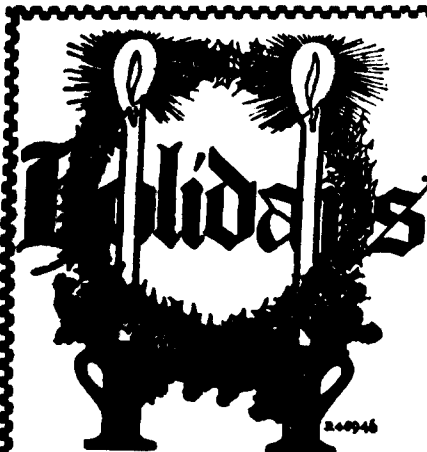
Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the town of Houlton, in the county of Aroostook, for the year 1917.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of Houlton aforesaid, for the year 1917, committed to me for collection, for said town on the 16th day of November 1917, remain unpaid, and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction, at Assembly Hall, High School Building, in said town on the first Monday in February 1918, at 9 o'clock a. m. Name of owner Description of property Amt. of tax due, including interest and charges

Adair, James A.	Homestead lot W. side Foxcroft Road with buildings	\$18.75
Auber, Frank L.	Real estate and buildings Lot No. 7, Part of Ingersoll farm, bought of Geo. W. Auber by deed dated Mar. 17, 1913, Vol. 267, page 312	20.75
Clough, Lionel T. heirs of	Lot No. 2, Sec. E. Pearce addition No. 3 and buildings thereon except sold Morris (buildings burned)	6.44
Dickinson, Dan	House on north side of County Road near Cemetery on Putnam land	8.88
Fletcher, Charles E.	Lot No. 6, Sec. D, Pearce Add. No. 1, with buildings thereon, bought of Philander Fletcher by deed dated Dec. 17, 1914, recorded in Vol. 275, page 75, north side	20.25
Fletcher, Earl M.	Homestead, being lot No. 4, Sec. B, Pearce Add. No. 1 with buildings thereon, including land bought of W. E. Carr, same bought of Mrs. Ella E. Bragg, formerly Fletcher, North side	20.25
Gerow, Harry	Lot on West side of High Street, bought of Abbie F. Crabb, Pt. lot 33, with buildings thereon	17.00
Kinney, Harry P.	Lot No. 4, B, on West side of Spring St. with buildings thereon, 1/2 in common and undivided of lot No. 4, on W. side of Spring St. with buildings on north side of lot	18.62
Linton, Jennie C.	House lot with buildings thereon south side of West St., bought of Benj. F. Green by deed dated May 3rd, 1915, Vol. 278, page 326	36.50
March, Ida M.	House lot No. 14, south side of Grove St., with buildings thereon, bought of John N. Adams as recorded Vol. 287, page 542	26.75
Ramsay, Albert D.	Lot 4, Sec. F, in Pearce addition No. 2 also lots 1 and 2 in Sec. F, Pearce Addition No. 3 with buildings thereon, bought of John W. Ramsay by deed dated Jan. 15, 1910, Vol. 235, page 419, south side	17.00
Randall, Inez D.	House lots 15 and 16, on the northerly side of Riverside St., bought of B. H. Putnam heirs by deed dated Feb. 12, 1912, and recorded in Vol. 258, page 572	12.13
Wilson, Ephraim	Commencing at the N. E. corner of lot No. 13, Range 1, running southerly on the B. line 37 1/2 rods to a stake, thence westerly at right angles with the last mentioned line nine rods, to a stake, thence northerly parallel with the first mentioned line 37 1/2 rods, thence easterly on the N. line of said lot 9 rods to place of beginning, same bought of Mary Ann Adams, by deed dated Oct. 14, 1905, Vol. 218, page 53, bought of John Friel, with buildings thereon	8.87
Young, Leonard D.	Lot No. 11, Range 3, North Division, which lies W. of the Creek and all that part of Lot No. 11, R. 3, which lies east of the Creek, containing 75 acres, more or less, known as the Henry L. Smith homestead, bought of John H. Brooks by deed dated Feb. 13, 1917, recorded in Vol. 290, page 331	62.50

WALTER E. SWETT, Collector of taxes of the town of Houlton

December 13, 1917



Cozy Footwear

For these

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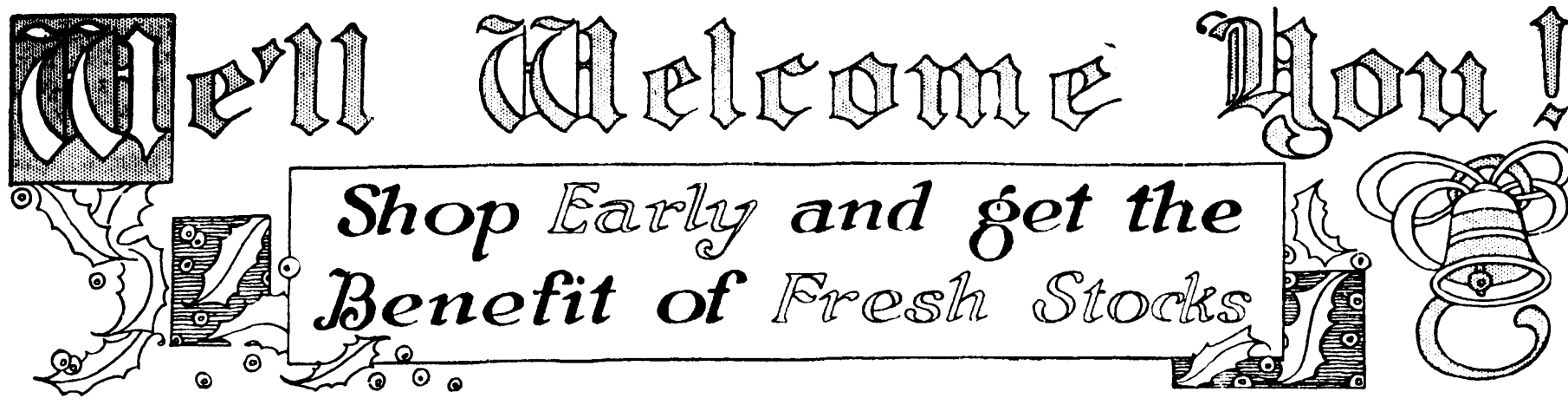
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SHOP EARLY -- BUY HERE -- SAVE MONEY

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\$2.25 value for	\$1.75
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\$1.50 value for	\$1.00
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We can sell you a set as low as **\$14.00** and as high as **\$75.00**. Come in and look them over.

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NOTE—Starting at once we will offer a 25 per cent discount on all our Suits. Coats, Dresses, Raincoats and Furs. We have quite a large stock of these garments on hand, and are willing to make this sacrifice in order to clear them off our racks. This is chance for you to save several dollars.

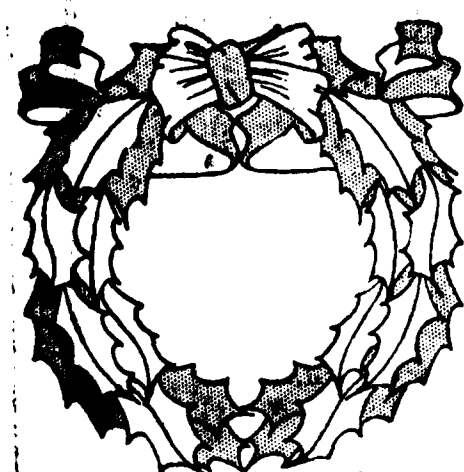
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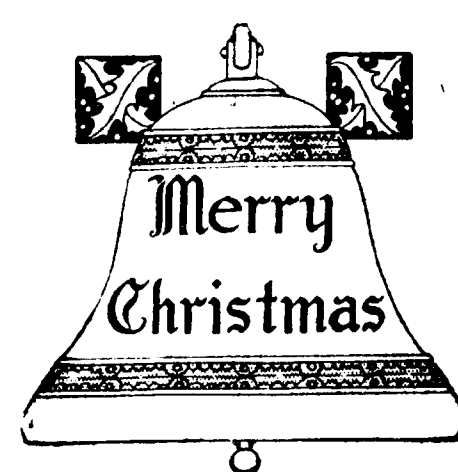
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IN LADIES WEAR



STOCK PRICES ON A DEAD CENTRE

Securities have shown only a slight rallying power from the low levels to which they were carried in the long decline that began in earnest a year ago this month, aggravated by the entrance of the United States into the war last April.

Prices now appear to be almost on a dead centre awaiting a clearing of the atmosphere through the appearance of the next phase of the war situation. The promise of new government bond sales amounting perhaps to \$3,500,000,000 in the next six months, serves to dam up the stream of investment funds which would otherwise find its way into corporation and municipal bonds. New financing, even that to provide for maturing issues, is being held in obedience with the result that the agencies for the distribution of securities are almost idle.

At present bargain prices a wide spread demand for both stocks and bonds would be of instantaneous growth were it certain that the end of the war were a matter of a few months. On that point the widest divergence of opinion is met among financial authorities. The prevailing belief is that the war has still far to go, but evidences that Germany is approaching the end of her resources are accumulating. Her credit has already been expanded on false supports until it is impossible to see how the pretense of solvency can be maintained even at home much longer. The situation in which the allies find themselves in the matter of untouched resources is so far superior to that of the enemy that there can be no reason to doubt the ultimate collapse of the central powers under the weight of the new pressure being added each day.

Efforts to place the United States on a war basis have been attended by many discomforts, not the least of which are the difficulties of getting coal and foodstuffs to the localities where they are needed. The conflict which developed last week between the fuel administrator and Mr. Hoover over the right of priority to transportation was inevitable under the awkward system of regulation by special boards and committees.

The shortage of labor has never been so serious and yet must become more pronounced. The country's industrial machinery cannot be made over in a week, but results are being obtained which testify to the ability of the men who have assumed important new tasks at the national capital to co-ordinate means of production and distribution in the shortest possible time.

AN ARMY OF 4,000,000

Republicans in Congress are laying the ground for a tremendous drive to secure authorization for an army of such size that the present will seem insignificant in comparison. This fight it is understood will be led in the military affairs committee of the House by Representative Kahn, ranking Republican member. He also will make the fight on the floor, having taken the lead in hopeless fights for preparedness legislation of previous years.

The fight is not to be a partisan one, but an appeal for support from every one in Congress to back the move.

The principal thing advocates of a greatly enlarged army desire is to try to convince some members of the Senate and House of the gravity of the

situation and the burden which the United States has assumed.

NO TIME FOR IDLE DISCUSSION

They will rely on the statement made to Congress by the President to convince weak kneed and pacific elements that there is no time now for idle discussion of the causes of the war and why the United States is in it. The President has declared that America is in the war to see through to a victorious conclusion.

To carry out the President's declaration it will be shown the employment of a much larger army than present plans call for will be necessary. No exact number is in the minds of those who will push the plan because they realize that the training and equipment must be provided for.

Estimates from the War Department submitted to Congress have indicated that provision is desired for an army of 1,800,000 men. This will not be much more than a drop in the bucket to what will be urged.

WILL ASK FOR MILLIONS OF MEN
Several million men will be asked for the military forces of the nation, certain not less than 4,000,000. It was learned today.

Coincident with the fight for the larger army, an effort be made to sway public opinion to the adoption of the universal military service plan, to be kept in effect always. While the object lesson of the United States entering unprepared the greatest war of history is fresh in the minds of Congress. It will be dwelt upon, in the hope that provision can be made against a repetition of the mistakes of non-preparedness which might have

cost the United States much more dearly if England and France had not been in the war and the conflict had to be fought out between the United States and Germany alone.

HOW TO GET WOOL

So alarming does the future look to the woolen mills proprietors that they have taken a hand in supplying sheep for breeding purposes to farmers who will agree to take care of them. Federal statistics show that until now, owing to the perils involved in dogs, wild animals, storms and disease, the number of sheep the country over has been decreasing, so that the annual wool production has been falling off instead of rising with the demand.

This condition, of course, must change if woolenwear is to be kept within reach of any but the citizens of swollen fortunes.

And every man, woman and child in the United States can help to change it.

Obviously enough, the beginning should be made, not in the wardrobe, but in the kitchen: We should stop eating lamb, and ewes suitable for breeding purposes.

An appeal to this end has been made directly to the big packing interests of the country. These have been asked to stop slaughtering ewes, but not to stop buying them, for fear of discouraging the sheep breeders; and they are asked to turn over all of their ewes to an organization of the sheep and wool industries, which will see that the animals are distributed among farmers who want to raise sheep and grow wool, but who are un-

able to get the necessary stock to start with.

Wool-growing is a highly lucrative business. This fact should be given thought by the farmers of the South, especially those of the Piedmont section of the Southeast, which is admirably adaptable in every respect for the growing of wool and mutton.

WOMEN WILL WIN WAR

DECLARES DR. WILEY

One of the soundest expositions, so far published, of woman's status in the war appears in the December issue of Good Housekeeping where the celebrated food specialist, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, writing on "Paying for the War," declares that a nation is unconquerable only so long as its women are unsubdued. To quote: "The housewife is the one who seems to be most keenly affected. I am writing this war article in the hope that, in view of the facts which condition the present state of affairs, she will hereafter not grumble at the increased prices which she is now called upon to pay. It is not good for the country to have any large

class of our people complaining. Patriotism means more than taking off one's hat to the flag, standing up when 'The Star-Spangled Banner' is played, and shouting oneself hoarse at the passing procession. This is ebullition, not patriotism. True patriotism consists in doing something which is a sacrifice, or something that touches us both in pocketbook and in sentiment in behalf of our country.

In my mind, there is no question of the constitutionality of the Food Administration Act. If the government can run the post-office, control the militia, and requisition our soldiers and sailors for service, under the constitution, then the same principle can be applied to every material thing.

The great danger of our present law is that it is discriminatory. Such things as food, fuel and beverage are now to be nationally controlled. A law of this kind should apply to every commodity; so that no class of our citizens should enjoy any advantage over another.

I have just read what seems to be reliable statistics showing that the

actual death-rate on the battle front is only about one per cent. of all who are engaged. It is true that that one may be the one that some one of us loves. On the other hand, if for every man that dies in battle, a dozen lose their lives at home by reason of famine or insufficient food, and especially if this be children, then the desolation is appalling. It is difficult to realize that our battles are fought at home; we hardly realize that it is the women of the world who are really its fighters. We do not understand as fully as we should, that a nation is unconquerable only so long as its women are unsubdued."

Might Have Been True

"Typographical errors," said William Dean Howells, "are always amusing. When I was a boy in my father's printing-office in Martin's Ferry, I once made a good typographical error. My father had written, 'The showers last week, tho copious, were not sufficient for the millmen.' I set it up 'milkmen.'"

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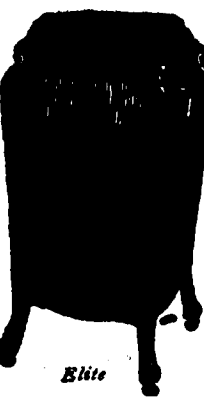
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Men's Suits and Overcoats	\$15 to \$30	Shirts (All kinds)	50c to \$3.50
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Our line of Real Cameos and Maine Gems is the most complete in town.

SEE THEM

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FAVORS LONELY ISLE FOR KAISER

Dean Charles R. Brown of the Yale School of Religion won the approval of a large audience in Boston by declaring that Great Britain, which banished Napoleon to St. Helena, should put another island on the map and banish to it another usurper, nine-tenths of the human race would stand up and thank God.

The dean began his address on "The Moral Issues of the War" by pointing out that, though we were a nation believing in peace, we did not believe in peace at any price.

"War," he said, "is a terrible thing but there are things infinitely worse than war. And there is such justification for this war that the whole

country ought to put on khaki and go forth military and aggressive, against that system of lawlessness, treachery, barbarism and crime that has become a menace to the very fabric of our civilization.

This is no Toy War

"We have seen fit to draw sword on the most powerful and most relentless military organization the earth has ever seen. This is no toy war, like the Spanish-American war. It is a great, grim, awful struggle, and it remains to be seen whether the forces of democracy are able to go forth and make good when they are lined up against the forces wielded by a powerful military autocracy."

The speaker proceeded to fix responsibility for the war by showing that while none of the allies wished it

Germany both desired and planned it in advance, that fact having been established by statements made by Gen. Bernhardt himself as early as 1912 to a gathering of Germans on the California coast.

Dean Brown then described those methods of conducting the war, beginning with invasion of Belgium, which had made Germany an outlaw. "But she has done something worse," he said, "than the infliction of these physical outrages on Belgium, Poland, Serbia and Armenia, and that is the breaking down of faith between man and man. If the methods employed by Germany were to succeed, Europe would be an armed camp, and even the Orient would take its ideals from the nations that had won out. It would mean that Japan would be Prus-

sianized and that China would come under the influence of a wrong set of ideals. It would be the setting back of the clock of democracy for perhaps hundreds of years. This frightful philosophy of the Germans must be met and resisted by force, for force is the only thing to which they will listen. And when men battle for the right, God is with them as truly as when they are on their knees in prayer.

Our Motives Pure and High

"I glory," continued the speaker, "that we have been able to keep our motives pure and high. May God enable us to keep these same motives all through this struggle. We have not entered into it for gain, or because of any kind of touchiness. No hymn of hate is being sung on this side of the water. We have no objection to any

kind of government the Germans want so long as they keep it for home consumption.

"We have entered this war because we cannot stand by and allow other nations to be bled white in the resistance they are offering to crime, to be crippled and broken for the very principles of freedom and democracy which constitute the chief glory of our own republic. I have no doubt that our country is rich enough and strong enough to see this war through to a finish, and that our young men who have donned the khaki are brave enough to face all the perils that arise and not flinch. I am praying that our country may be good enough to have a large and honorable part in that world renewal that ought to follow all this agony and blood sweat. And I

believe future generations will be able to look back to the certain benefits, solid and enduring—political, economical and social—which the sacrifice will have secured to the world."

FILLERS

It is unfortunate that all grocers are not so candid as the marketman in Hays who advertises "Food for Thought." That's about all the customers get for a dollar in any grocery store this year.

A Diplomat

"The man who gives in when he is wrong," said the street orator, "is a wise man, but he who gives in when he is right is—"

"Married!" said a meek voice in the crowd.

Give FURNITURE this CHRISTMAS

There is nothing more suitable than a Beautiful piece of Furniture



If you wish to please her give her a Dressing Table



Writing Desks in Mahogany and Fumed Oak. . . Latest styles.

And we have many Beautiful Pieces to select from. We believe we can satisfy you if you give us a chance.

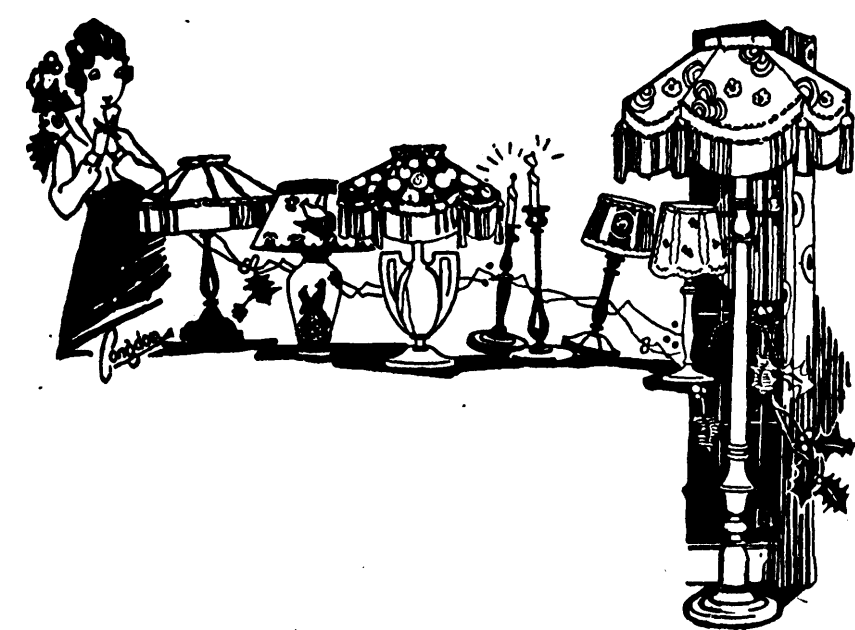
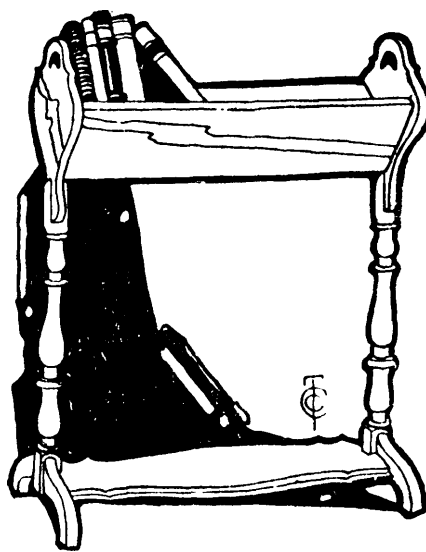


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A Book Rack like this will be welcome

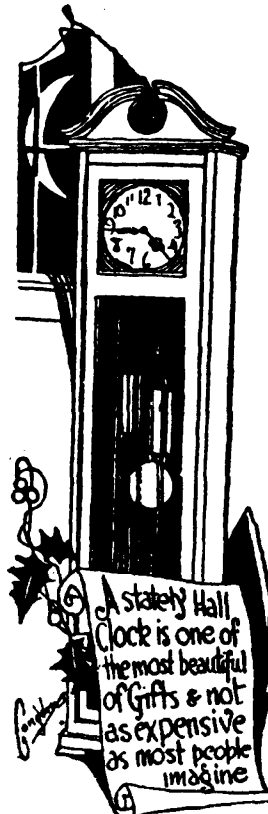


Get him a Royal Easy Chair. It will keep him at home nights. You can use it too.

Toys

We have heard that Santa Claus was not killed in the war. In fact, his toys have already arrived and we are expecting him every day now.

We understand he is going to be busier than ever this year, so you had better speak for presents early. We have a good assortment and are ready to take your orders.



Your Choice for \$7.50

In our Picture Framing Department you will find all sizes and styles of frames, also Framed Pictures.

Perhaps you have been wondering what to give a certain friend. One of your own photos framed or a Nutting Print, or some other nice picture would be most acceptable.

We can upholster that chair or couch and make it look like new. This makes a nice present to the home

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Christmas at the Churches

Next Sunday Christmas exercises will be held in all of the churches.

First Presbyterian Church
Organ Voluntary
Doxology
Invocation
Gloria
Responsive Reading
Anthem. (Incarnation)
Scripture Reading (New Testament)
Solo: (The birthday of a King)
Mabel Thompson
Hymn No. 55 (A Little Town of Bethlehem)
Prayer
Anthem (In Bethlehem)
Announcements and Offering
Solo: (Mr. Archibald)
Sermon
Hymn No. 59 (Joy to the World)
Benediction

First Baptist Church, Court Street
Rev. Henry C. Speed, Pastor
Christmas music and exercises. Mrs. H. W. Hughes leader of choir.
Morning service 10.30
Voluntary, "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," Handel, Organist, Mrs. F. H. Pearson
Invocation followed by Lord's Prayer
Gloria
Psalm 24 read responsively
Hymn "Antioch Arr. from Handel"
Scripture
Anthem by Choir, "We Have Seen His Star" by Simper
Prayer
Solo by Mrs. H. W. Hughes, "In Old Judea," Gaiel
Announcements
Offertory by organ, "Berceuse" by Godard
Offertory prayer
Hymn "Brightest and Best" Arr. from Mozart
Christmas sermon
Anthem by choir, "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings," Churchill
Benediction and last stanza of America
Postlude, "Hallelujah Chorus" from The Messiah
Bible School 12.00
Christmas Concert at 8.00 o'clock
Processional, "Merry Bells Ring Out"
Recitation, "Wonderous Night," Voss Deak
Duet, "Silent Night" Mrs. H. W. Hughes and Miss Edith Colson
Prayer
Scripture
Song, "The King Has Come," Young Ladies chorus
Exercise, "The Shepherds," Ralph Harris, Fred Furlington, George Barnes, Ashton Robinson
Singing, "Lullaby," primary girls
Recitation, "One Sweet Word," Ruth Curtis
Recitation, "My Little Piece"
Exercise, "Three Little Candles," Dorothy McNair, Marion Mooers, Dorothy Merrithew
Recitation, "I Look Up at the Pretty Stars," Louise Dyer
Singing by School
Exercise, "The Keynote of Christmas," Louise Longell, Jennie McKay, Mary Robinson, Marjory McNair
Recitation, "Bethlehem Stars," Marjory Mooers
Solo and chorus, "Dear Little Stranger," Eva Grant and Junior girls
Recitation, "What a Boy Thinks," Leslie Rhoda
Recitation, "Good Old Santa Claus," Mavis Cumming
Remarks by Superintendent and pastor
Offering
Recitation, "The Child That Makes Me Happy," Marion Beck
Recitation, "The Angels and The Shepherds," Thelma Cummings
Exercise, "Gifts for the Christ-Child," Primary boys
Song, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Young ladies chorus
Reading, "The First Christmas," Miss Vits Van Ness
Singing, "Blessed Holy Night," Ladies voices
Benediction by pastor

Methodist Episcopal Church
Rev. Thomas Whiteside, Minister
Prof. J. H. Lindsey, Organist and Choir Master
Mr. C. V. Chandler, Soloist
Christmas Service, 10.30 A. M.
Organ Voluntary, Saint Anne's Fugue—Bach
Anthem, Te Deum in D by Sullivan
The Apostles Creed in Concert
Prayer
Anthem, "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come" by Elvery
Christmas Responsive Reading
Gloria Patri
Scripture Lesson—Matthew 2:1-11
Notices and Weekly Offering
Hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Brooks
Sermon, Our Christmas Gift to God
Anthem, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem," by Hopkins
Benediction
Postlude

Evening Service 7.00 o'clock
"The Lighting of the Advent Wreath"
Organ Voluntary—Pastorale by Wely
Processional—"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
Introductory Reading by Miss Blanche Hall
Twenty-seven young ladies dressed in white will each recite a Messianic Prophecy and light a large wax candle
Christmas Carol—"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

"A Prayer for the Home" by Henry Van Dyke
Mrs. W. H. McLain
Solo—"The Star of Bethlehem" by Adams
Mr. Clayton V. Chandler
Hymn—"Silent Night! Holy Night!"
Christmas Story—"The Other Wise Man"—Van Dyke
Rev. Thomas Whiteside
Hymn—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
Notices and Collection
Recital of Bible verses on "Light" and the lighting of small wax candles
Recessional Hymn—"O Come All Ye Faithful"
Benediction
Postlude
Miss Frances Whiteside will play the organ voluntary and Prof. Lindsey will preside at the organ the rest of the service.

Free Baptist Church
Rev. C. T. Clark, Pastor
Morning service
Voluntary—Selected—Alberta Knox, Organist
Doxology
Invocation
Anthem—"The Song that the Angels Sang"—Wilson
Responsive Reading
Lord's Prayer
Hymn
Scripture Reading
Anthem—"Blessed be the Lord God" Gabriel
Prayer
Response
Ladies Trio—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"—Lorenz
Offertory—(Selected)
Alberta Knox
Hymn
Sermon
Anthem—"What Mean Those Holy Voices"—Adams
Benediction
Vesper Service, 4 P. M.
Voluntary—Selected
Miss Knox (organist) Emmons Robinson (violin)
Invocation
Anthem—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"—Lorenz
Responsive Reading
Lord's Prayer
Hymn
Solo—(Selected)
Miss Eva Hackett
Scripture Reading
Mixed Quartette, "Bethlehem's King" Morris
Prayer
Response
Duet—"Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem"—Lorenz
Mrs. Knox and Mrs. Berrie
Announcements
Anthem—"Shepherd's Hall the Wonderful Story"—Hoyer
Offertory—Selected
Miss Knox, Mr. Robinson (violin)
Male Quartette—"Praising My King" Creswell
Sermon
Anthem—"There Were Shepherds" Thomas
Postlude

Church of the Good Shepherd
Sunday, December 23rd
Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30
Sunday School after morning service
Evening service and sermon at 7.00
Services conducted by Alfred Martin, Lay Reader in charge of St. Andrews—Millinocket

Christmas Day
Holy Communion at 8 A. M.
Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon by Rev. H. Scott Smith
Processional Hymn "Christians Awake, No. 56"
Anthem—"In the Hallowed Manger"
Venite—Turle in C
Te Deum Van Roskerk in B
Gloria Crotch in C
Benedictus Handel in B
Hymn 49 "Adeste Fideles"
Soprano Solo—"Christmas Songs"
Miss Julia Hood
Communion Service—"Merbecke"
Hymn 220
Nunc Dimittis
Recessional Hymn 58
Choir master, Mr. George Hood
Organist, Miss Chadwick
H. Scott Smith, Priest in charge

Cong'l Church—Order of Service
A. M.
Organ Voluntary
Call to Worship
Doxology
Invocation
Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading—"A Light of the Nations"
Offertory
Hymn No. 92—"Joy to the World"
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Hymn No. 96—"Shepherd's in the Fields Abiding"
Christmas Sermon
Hymn—"O, Come All Ye Faithful"
Benediction

4 P. M.
A Christmas Song Service will be held at four o'clock—special selections by the choir, with instrumental and vocal solos. This service will be equal in attractiveness to those of former Christmas celebrations in this church. The public cordially invited to all the services of this church.
T. P. Williams, minister—E. L. Cleveland, choir director—Miss Mary Burpee, organist.

R. C. I. SOPHOMORE

DECLAMATION
The annual R. C. I. Sophomore Speaking contest took place Monday evening at the First Baptist Church before a large audience, music being furnished for the occasion by the school orchestra assisted by Prof. Hollis Lindsay, which was much enjoyed.
The award of prizes was made as follows:
Girls 1st, Clarissa M. Lewin
Girls 2nd, Leona D. Dumont

LIBEL FOR DIVORCE

To the Hon. Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, next to be held at Caribou, in the County of Aroostook and State of Maine.
Mrs. Fern Drake McAfee of Stockholm in the county of Aroostook and state of Maine, in said County of Aroostook, respectfully represents that on the seventh day of January, 1914 at Stockholm aforesaid she was lawfully married to Albert McAfee of said Stockholm that ever since said time she has conducted herself towards said Libelee as a faithful, true and affectionate wife but that said Libelee, regardless of his marriage covenant and duty, on the 15th day of October, 1914, utterly deserted your Libelant without cause, and that said desertion has continued to the present time, being more than three years, during which time he has contributed nothing to her support.
And your Libelant further avers that the libelee has been guilty of cruel and abusive treatment toward your libelant; also, that said libelee being of sufficient ability and being able to labor and provide for your libelant grossly and wantonly and cruelly, has refused and neglected to provide suitable maintenance for your libelant.
That your Libelant has made diligent inquiry, but that the residence of said Libelee is unknown to your Libelant, and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence. That there is no collusion between them to obtain a divorce; but that your Libelant believes that said bonds of matrimony ought to be dissolved, wherefore she prays that a divorce may be decreed.
And your Libelant further prays that reasonable alimony, or a specific sum in lieu of alimony, be decreed to her.
Fern Drake McAfee
Signed and sworn to before me this eleventh day of December 1917.
Wallace R. Lambert,
Justice of the Peace.
(L. S.)
AROSTOOK, ss.
Supreme Judicial Court
In vacation, Houlton, Dec. 12, 1917
In this action it is ordered by the court that notice be given said Libelee, by publishing the libel and this order of court three successive weeks in the Houlton Times a newspaper printed and published at Houlton in said County of Aroostook, the last publication to be at least thirty days before the next term of this court in said County of Aroostook to be held at Caribou, in said county, on the first Tuesday of February 1918; that he may then and there appear and defend if he sees fit.
John B. Madigan
Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court
A true copy of libel and order of court thereon.
Attest: Michael M. Clark, Clerk.

Boys 1st,
Boys 2nd,

J. Gilman Small
Donald J. Mills

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crawford, Mrs. Fred Logan, Houlton, and Mr. and Mrs. Alec Smith of Amity, were passengers

on the Monday morning train for Lewiston, where they will attend the State Grange session.



THE SPIRIT OF THE RED CROSS!

To Care for the Wounded at the Front and the Folks at Home

To Carry On this Great Humanitarian Work The American Red Cross Is Calling YOU

New England's Quota—One Million New Members by Christmas Eve. Will you be one? It costs only One Dollar to join and no other service is required.

When you join the great Red Cross your membership fee goes to help carry on the most far-reaching and effective work of mercy the world has ever known. Surely YOU do not want to withhold a dollar that will help lighten the hardships, guard the health and bind the wounds of "our boys over there."

The Christmas spirit and the Red Cross spirit have much in common. You can't keep Christmas more appropriately or more effectively this year than by keeping up the Red Cross. Pay your dollar TODAY. Wear the 1918 button. Watch for and take part in the Red Cross Christmas Eve ceremonies.

Send a Christmas Dollar
on an Errand of Mercy

They Also Serve Who Join the Great Red Cross

Machine Gunners---Help Them Work

BY SENDING 25 CENTS TO THE TIMES "OUR BOYS IN FRANCE" TOBACCO FUND.



--and Do It
NOW

THE NEXT MORNING

Wake up—How did you get that tooth ache and cut lip, Bridget?

HOW TO CHECK GROUP QUICKLY

There is one reliable remedy for group that every mother should know. Mrs. Sweet's Cherry Antacid Tablets. It's the best medicine I ever used. My little son nearly

CLASSIFIED ADS

Leaves May For Sale—Inquire of Robt. T. Penbody. 50tf

House To Rent—Six Rooms, Lights and Bath; also 1 room to let. In Union Square. Louis Dalton, 69 Main St. 50tf

Strayed From My Pasture About 4 weeks ago, six lambs, will find kindly notify C. W. Starkey and claim reward. 48tf

One 1916 Ford Touring Car; One 1917 Maxwell Touring Car for sale. Inquire of L. R. Ingraham, Ford Garage, Bangor St. 25tf

Wanted—Firemen and Brakemen for service on Bangor & Arrostook Railroad. Apply to Superintendent Bangor or Houlton. 151

Desirable Home For Rent, 8 Rooms, city water, with good stable, known as the Kilder farm on Court St. Apply to Don A. H. Powers. 48tf

For Rent—Downtown, seven-room apartment, bath, electric lights and furnace heat. Seventy-seven North Street. Apply to Mrs. Hattie Ledger. 45tf

Before you purchase a Farm or House, be sure to call on C. O. Grant, Real Estate Agency, Market Sq., and examine his fine list of desirable properties. 48tf

For Sale—Farm, Village Home, Wood lots and timber lands. Inquire Jack Ins & Jackson, Real Estate Agency, Bangor & Burnham Block. Office Hours, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. 48tf

For Rent—Desirable Residence on Military St., at present occupied by Dr. Jackson, will be vacated on completion of his new house, in December. Allston Cushing. 48tf

DOLLS—Dolls dressed for Christmas, price \$1.00 up according to size of doll and material selected, hat and shoes included. L. Tunnell, Oakfield, Maine. Telephone. 48

CLASSIFIED ADS

Found a Handsome Gray Coon Cat. Owner may recover same by calling Tel. 213-12 251p

Downstairs Tenement, 5 Rooms and Bath on Powers Ave., 2 minutes walk from Post Office. Apply to A. E. Astle. 251p

Wanted—One or two customers for Choice Dairy Butter. Inquire of M. J. Bither, Route 5, Tel. 855-14. 251p

Anyone Desiring the Services of an untrained nurse may get information by inquiring at the TIMES Office, or phone 813-25 250p

Over The Top' And At 'Em! A familiar phrase heard by the JACKINS REAL ESTATE AGENCY. Our customers are clamoring for all kinds of Real Estate and we are hammering away at 'em with all our "Mite" but our supply is falling off. Beat it up here on DOUBLE QUICK with whatever you've got to sell. We'll shoot it across in the same time. 250p

Female Help Wanted—The publishing houses and manufacturing of Maine must depend more and more on the girls and women of Maine for employees during this war time. We have at present many positions open for girls of fair or good education as clerks in the subscription department of our magazine COMFORT. We can start you at \$7 a week and raise you as fast as your work justifies. We are equipped to teach you typing, stencil cutting, letter writing and other jobs at higher pay and we keep the line of advancement open to still higher positions. Our publishing business is full of possibilities for girls who are willing to work. Write us and we will send our illustrated booklet "Working for Comfort." This will give you an idea of the work and the future offered. After reading this, if you would like a position here, you can put in your application. Write today for the booklet to W. H. Gannett, Pub. Inc. Dept. A. T. Augusta, Maine. 351

For Sale—Two new milch Cows. Inquire of W. E. Fanjoy, Cary, Me. 151p

Found—a Purse on Water St. Party can have same by calling at this office and identifying same. 151p

Lost—Saturday, on the Street, Between C. P. R. and B & A., one 5 A Storm Blanket. Finder please bring to TIMES Office and receive suitable reward. L. W. T. 151

Lost—Lady's Brown Muff, Saturday evening between J. A. Millar's store and Starkey's Market. Finder please leave at F. P. Berry's Dry Goods store or Tel. 207-3 and it will be called for. 151p

THE GENTLE TOUCH

When wifey wants a five-spot
Doesn't it seem strange?
She always asks her hubby
"For a little change."

BANKRUPT'S PETITION FOR DISCHARGE.

In the matter of Fred Ringette In Bankruptcy
Bankrupt

To the HON. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine.
FRED RINGETTE of St. Agatha in the County of Arrostook, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 31st day of Dec., last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Act of Congress relating to Bankruptcy, that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Act, and of the orders of Court touching his bankruptcy.

WHEREFORE HE PRAYS, That he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankruptcy Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 11th day of Dec., A. D. 1917 his
Witness to mark FRED RINGETTE
Dana L. Theriault mark Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON

DISTRICT OF MAINE, Northern Division, ss
On this 11th day of Dec., A. D. 1917, on reading the foregoing petition, it is ORDERED BY THE COURT, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 25th day of Jan., A. D. 1918, before said Court, at Bangor in said District, Northern Division, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Houlton Times, a newspaper printed in said District, Northern Division, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COURT, That the Deputy Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Honorable Clarence Hale, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Bangor in the Northern Division of said District, on the 11th day of Dec., A. D. 1917.
[L. S.] WILLIAM M. WARREN, Deputy Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.
Attest: WILLIAM M. WARREN, Deputy Clerk.

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OF LOCAL INTEREST

Advtg.

Its worth a trip to Berry's stable to see the fine horses he has for sale. Justin C. Rose of the Crossett Shoe Co., arrived home for three months Thursday morning.

Chas. H. Berry has the faculty of selecting horses that suit Arrostook work.

Geo. Wesley McKee of Houlton and Miss Julia Ann Ward of Glenburn, were married in Bangor last week.

OSGOOD suggests Useful Jewelry. Ask about his Fair Play Prices.

Rev. and Mrs. T. P. Williams arrived home Saturday from Allentown Pa. where they attended the marriage of their son.

If you want a horse, go to Berry's seems to be a familiar slogan in Houlton.

A stiff "NorthEaster" made things very unpleasant Friday, and but few people were on the street being unwilling to face blizzard.

Save from Five to Fifty Dollars on a Diamond at OSGOOD'S.

The B. & A. R. R. felt the effects of last week's cold snap, slowing up trains service in general, as the train for several days were off schedule.

Order your Saturday Evening Post and Ladies' Home Journal at the TIMES office.

Friends of Mrs. J. E. Robinson will be glad to learn that she is recovering nicely from a surgical operation performed at the Madigan Hospital last week.

Drink Maple Spring water and enjoy good health. Send your orders to J. G. Donovan, Westfield, Me.

The Salvation Army will receive voluntary offerings for their annual Christmas work in Houlton, both on the street and in small tin boxes placed in the stores.

Well look at that! Did you ever see such a classy looking suit as that fellow had on? He bought it at C. B. Esters, and it is only a sample of his latest lines of suitings.

"Jack Frost" was on the job several days last week and played havoc with the water pipes around town, last Thursday the mercury went to 32 below, which is "going some."

Why pay Big Store Prices when OSGOOD has the same goods at fair prices.

The Star-Herald's Christmas number containing 24 pages with an elaborate cover, went to its readers last week filled with much interesting reading matter and helpful suggestions to holiday shoppers. The paper is splendidly arranged and is a credit to its hustling manager.

The well known Maple Spring farm where the Spring water is found, has been sold by Mr. De Witt to Mr. J. G. Donovan whose address is Westfield, Me., R. F. D. and he will continue to sell water to all those desiring it.

FREE OF CHARGE

Any adult suffering from cough, cold or bronchitis, is invited to call at the Broadway Pharmacy and get absolutely free, a sample bottle of Beechey's German Syrup, a soothing and healing remedy for all lung troubles, which has a successful record of fifty years. Gives the patient a good night's rest free from coughing, with time expectation in the morning.

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HOULTON TRUST COMPANY

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Houlton Trust Company will be held at the Banking Rooms of said Company, Wednesday, the 2nd day of January, 1918, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the election of Trustees and Executive Board from said Trustees and such business as may legally be done.

Houlton, Me., Dec. 11, 1917.

Wilford Fullerton, Treasurer.

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**Ostrich Boas, Hair
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All Trimmed Hats to be sold
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Saws are coming to the Saw Dentist by Parcel Post and it pays. No. 12 Kellerman St.

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XMAS SHOPPERS TAKE NOTICE

The merchants of Houlton are READY for the holiday trade and never have had the displays in show windows and on counters look nicer. The stocks are varied and reasonably priced and "Santa Clans" will have no trouble with his selections. A glance through the columns of this issue will be a help to the buyer who doesn't know what to buy. The Christmas suggestions are plentiful and liberally displayed.

AT THE DREAM

With the coming of the holidays, special pains have been taken by the management of this popular picture house to obtain productions that would appeal to the holiday crowds. That they have been successful in securing these pictures, will be conceded after a glance of the program offered below. Pauline Frederick, one of the most popular and talented Lasky stars, will be seen Wednesday in "Sleeping Fires" a Paramount production in which Miss Frederick appears in the role of a self-sacrificing and devoted young mother who is forced to battle for her own rights against a thoroughly selfish and disloyal husband.

"Paws of the Bear" is the title of the Triangle Play for Thursday, Dec. 20. William Desmond is starred in this strong drama of War, Love and Intrigue. The scenes are laid in Europe and America, and many realistic scenes of the European battlefields are shown. One of the most impressive scenes is where the German army is seen marching through Belgium, on its way to Paris and spreading devastation before them.

House Peters and Louise Huff make one of the strongest star combinations that the patron of the screen have ever seen. The charm of Miss Huff and the magnetic personality of Mr. Peters heads a great cast in the Pallas production of "The Lonesome Chap" a human-interest story of a girl who falls in love with her guardian and he with her, but both, not knowing, decide to sacrifice themselves, but later, though they find each other out. This wonderful picture is the Paramount offering for Friday, Dec. 21.

The usual splendid variety of short length subjects will be offered Saturday, Dec. 22, and will include one of O. Henry series. The "Animated Weekly" and other selected subjects. Among the many feature attractions for Monday, Dec. 24, will be shown a picture of the Halifax disaster. This picture shows many of the terrible scenes of devastation in the stricken city, and the promptness of the management in securing it for an early showing in this town proves that nothing is considered too good for their patrons. The fourth episode of the "Fighting Trail" Vitaphone's great serial photoplay, and other dramatic comedy and topical subjects will be shown.

Mae Marsh Star in "Polly of the Circus"

"Polly of the Circus," a tremendous Goldwyn Picture made from Margaret Mayo's great play, with famous little Mae Marsh as its star, will be shown Christmas Day.

The picture is the first release of Goldwyn Pictures Corporation, formed by Samuel Goldfish in association with Edgar Selwyn, Margaret Mayo, Archibald Selwyn and a brilliant group of authors and playwrights. The story of "Polly," which has been given a tremendous production in its picturized form, is that of a motherless girl of the circus, and of the part she plays in the drama of life in a small American village. It is a romance of the sawdust ring and has been termed "the classic of the Big Tops."

Polly is hurt doing her "act" and is taken to the home of the local minister to be cared for. Here a pretty romance buds, but before it blooms it is interrupted by the gossip of the villagers, and Polly goes back to the circus. But the circus comes back another year and Polly and the minister pick up the threads of their romance in a dramatic climax.

The picture is filled with realistic scenes of circus life, the most thrilling of which is a fire in the big tent and the stampede of the audience. It required a fully equipped circus to produce this realism, and you are permitted to see a complete circus performance on the screen; the arrival of a circus in a town at daybreak, the great street parade, the departure in the black of night. The greatest horse race scene ever put on the screen is another of the thrilling incidents of this remarkable picture.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors in the District Court of the United States for the Northern Division of the District of Maine, In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of Edward McVee In Bankruptcy

To the creditors of said Edward McVee of Houlton in the County of Arrostook, and District aforesaid, bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of Dec. A. D. 1917 the said Edward McVee was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of Edwin L. Vail, in Houlton, on the 25th day of Jan., A. D. 1918, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Dated at Houlton, Dec. 14, 1917.
EDWIN L. VAIL,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

NOTICE

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1917 TAX NOTICE

To Delinquent Tax payers. All taxes for the year 1917 should be paid at once, to avoid interest, extra costs, and being advertised.

W. E. SWETT,
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FINANCIAL

IS BUSINESS MAN TODAY MUCH TOO PESSIMISTIC?

(By R. W. McNeil)

The average American business man is so constituted mentally, as a result of his training, his environment and his personal ambitions, that he is always tempted to think his efforts are not meeting with proper success unless, month after month, and year after year, his business is breaking all previous records.

As a result of conditions over which he has no control, that is not always possible. Today, as a result of world conditions over which the individual has no control, this country is being speeded up as a war machine. The changing over from a peace to a war basis in industry has caused many ripples and cross currents in the stream of business, which have for the moment upset dreams of new high records in many normal lines of endeavor.

It is not surprising then, that in some circles one should note a certain amount of discouragement and a certain vein of pessimism. And yet, when one considers it carefully, it is difficult to tell how much of that is due merely to the perplexities and uncertainties which confront everyone in facing this new condition of war; how much is due to the sober mental attitude and the quenching of optimism, which contemplation of this great world catastrophe induces, and how much to a careful analysis of the forces which are to direct activities in the business world in coming months.

The Business of War
The problem of all business today is essentially a war problem. Broadly stated, it is this: Under normal conditions this country produces about \$25,000,000,000 of manufactured goods annually. The government proposes to spend in the year to end June 30 next, approximately \$20,000,000,000. Of that amount, about \$15,000,000,000 will be spent for manufactured goods such as foodstuffs, clothing, shoes, ships, ammunition, airplanes and arms. That will mean about 60 per cent. of our manufacturing output. It is also proposed to take between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 out of industry. Now, all manufactured goods for war purposes are the product of labor. It is obviously impossible, therefore, for these things to work to increase their output to such an extent that they can create \$25,000,000,000 of goods for war and still have the same amount of goods as usual for use of the civilian population. It would require an increase of 60 per cent. in production, in fact, of a substantial reduction in the working force, to do so. So the civilian population must curtail its use of goods, or the amount created for war purposes will not be forthcoming.

That is the basis of the doctrine of economy being preached everywhere. It is everywhere, applauded by every business man as a patriotic duty, however discouraging it may be to the man applying to his own business.

"Blood and Iron" Economy

For the individual business man the problem of public economy on the one hand and the new war demand on the other is vital. We are a luxury-loving nation, and the makers and users of luxuries are many. Under those conditions it is not surprising that the cold shivers should play up and down the spines of innumerable people who have heard Frank A. Vanderlip of the National City Bank of New York, at the Boston City Club this week, when he advocated a veritable "blood and iron" system of economy. He said that people must curtail luxuries even though it left the shelves of the merchants full and led many business men into bankruptcy.

But business men, who are greatly disturbed by that thought, so forcibly expressed, may find comfort in two things. First, Mr. Vanderlip admitted that he was preaching the ideal; that in reality a 25 per cent. efficiency in economizing would be doing well.

Second, there is at least one field where the manufacture of luxuries would be greatly limited. That is for the export trade. All foreign trade is barred. The goods bought from foreign countries are paid for by goods shipped to them, and only the balance is paid in gold. So it is quite possible that while some of our manufacturers are shipping goods which might well be considered luxuries, to South America, for instance, they would be buying with them hides and wool and other raw products for our use. In reality, while manufacturing luxuries the labor expended upon them would be in effect producing these essential products which we require.

Work For All

But the real comfort which a true patriot may take from the business outlook is not that economy may not go as far as it should, but that, whatever changes may be necessary in the conduct of industry, there will be a demand for the maximum production of the industrial machinery of the country while the war lasts. Second, there will be a demand for the services of every man, woman and child in this country during the same period. And when everyone is employed, and assured of unprecedented wages, there is not great cause to worry. Third, apart from war business, the needs of the 10,000,000 people not actually engaged in fighting, even at a minimum, will be tremendous.

Change Will Be Gradual
In addition, any readjustment in business must be slow. Meanwhile

it is natural that the people should go along very much in their accustomed ways, trying to do business as usual, and live as usual, until the government can show them what is necessary to do to help in the war. The way most curtailment of expenditures will come about will undoubtedly be by having the government exercise its priority rights to such essential things as labor, coal, materials of all kinds and transportation. If there is not enough of these materials to go around, it is for the government to say which industries shall have them and which shall not. Then the use of the products of industries which cannot obtain them will be automatically curbed because they are not available.

Little Real Dislocation

If curtailment of expenditures is brought about in that way it is likely to be much less disturbing to business than many imagine. In England during the war few industries were closed down. It was possible to change so-called non-essential industries over to make goods for war purposes. To shut them down before it is necessary, or particularly if it is not necessary, to disrupt the organizations when by changes they might be turned to the production of some essential articles, would be utterly wasteful. So now, and over the next few months, we are likely to see more and more industries changed over to war business. As the products manufactured during peace are gradually removed from the market because producers and their establishments are working on more necessary business, public economizing will of necessity follow automatically.

But all that takes time. It will not all transpire in a day or a week or a month. The change must be brought about, and will be brought about with the smallest possible amount of shock and disruption to business as it is being operated today.

Under those conditions there is no need for fear that economy will result in unemployment of labor, or the distress of those business men who have hitherto profited by extravagance. As long as the war lasts there will be government work for all. And where any dislocation results it can be speedily adjusted.

U. S. AID TO THE RAILROADS

(By Walter Emerson)

The recommendation of the interstate commerce commission for unity in the management of all railroads of the country and substantial government loans for expansion and improvement in operating brings hope and confidence to practical railroad men.

holders of railroad securities, shippers and consumers. It means more to New England than any other part of the country.

These states, long suffering will get relief in the matter of transportation when the confidence of the public is reestablished to the investing stage. This can be brought about by three methods—unification, government aid, increased rates and improvement in financial and operating management. The last of these, improvement in management, can only come with the operation of the pooling process under one general head and government credit. With national aid public confidence will return.

For many years now Congress has given to the interstate commerce commission about all the laws it has asked. One of its most important and persistent contentions was for anti-pooling legislation. It was granted by the enactment of stringent and specific laws. In addition to this there was also the second section of the Sherman antitrust law always staring railroads in the face. Now the interstate board reverses itself and asks for a repeal of the anti-pooling laws in order that the railroads may be permitted to do exactly what the commission decided should be prohibited.

This was a surprise to the country, and in particular to dealers in railroad securities. But greater than this was the recommendation for the extension of government credit.

Of course, it was a rail day in the market yesterday, but there was a slight reaction from the day before, because investors probably took too much for granted on the first reports of the commission's action.

Look For Unification and Aid

The belief of Boston railroad operators and financiers is that a change will come over the national legislature and the recommendations of the commission will be granted. They expect not only unification but, what is more important, government aid.

The federal government is now appropriating large sums for improvement in shipping facilities. It should not hesitate to aid expansion in order to promote the railroad transportation of fuel, food and munitions.

No one is more hopeful of far reaching results out of the surprising turn in railroad plans than the members of the Massachusetts public safety

committee. Mr. Endicott of the food conservation board said last night: "The suggestions contained in the recommendations of the interstate commerce commission mean a great deal to the transportation of New England, not only to business, but to the comfort and health of the people. Railroad management under one general head, providing it is efficient, will improve conditions in New England—government aid will do more. The state of Massachusetts in its legislation will do all in its power to back up the national government in any legislation looking to this improvement. If there is no way to do this now some way will be found."

Help the Roads, Says N. Y. Times

Most of the New York morning papers make the new turn in American railroad affairs the topic of leading editorial articles. Under the caption "Saving the Railroads" the Times says:

"For a generation Congress has given the interstate commission most of the laws it asked. Now, for the first time, the commission asks for the repeal of the laws which it has administered with zeal, but without due foresight or insight.

"An increase of rates calls for nothing beyond approving mention. A government loan of money is not to be disapproved but the government has in its gift what the roads need more than money, although only to be had by the use of money. The needs of the roads are for cars, engines, rails, labor and all the many things which are necessary to provide facilities. The government can use its priorities and its credit to supply these things better and more cheaply than the companies can get them."

Under the caption, "A Confession of Failure," the World says: "The interstate commerce commission pleads the extraordinary conditions of war as its excuse for hand-

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